



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President) Leonard Poggio, & Anthony Schlander

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Laura Thomas & Maria Davis,

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina

#### SPEAKER KEY:

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition of an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 5:32 PM

#### 2. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. With respect to agenda items, members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes at the time such item is called.

Public Comments: None

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: [EC Meeting Minutes August 5 Draft.pdf](#)

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the August 5, 2025 Commission meeting with this friendly amendment.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: Prop E Task Force Update; Staff and Office Update: Presentation of Certificate of Honor to former Commissioner Al Perez; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: Update on Appeal No. 25-031 – EC-1862 Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises permits for Castle SF; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments:

(+) Stefano Cassolato, entertainment industry stakeholder, spoke in support of Commissioner Al Perez's career as a Commissioner and his certificate of honor

**5. Report from Senior Inspector:** Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

**6. Update on Overdose Prevention in Nightlife Campaign:** Dylan Rice provides an update on the Entertainment Commission's campaign to prevent overdoses in the nightlife community in partnership with SFDPH. [Discussion Item]

Public Comments: None

**7. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. EC-1870 - Cultura Y Arte Nativa de las Americas (CANA), ***dba CANA***, 683 Florida St, Limited Live Performance
- b. EC-1877 - Coskun Abik of Chefsgroup Inc, ***dba Blind Butcher***, 4058 A 18<sup>th</sup> St, Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1876 - Coskun Abik of Dunya Inc, ***dba Dunya Bistro***, 1609 Polk St, Limited Live Performance
- d. EC-1875 - Roberto Sanchez of El Taco Loco Inc, ***dba Playa Azul Seafood Restaurant & Bar***, 3318 Mission St, Limited Live Performance
- e. EC-1879 - Victor Navarrete and Leila Mansur, ***dba Radio Habana Caffé***, 1109 Valencia St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound
- f. EC-1883 - Hector Cortes Herrera of Murales Bar LLC, ***dba Chac Mool Sports Bar Y Botanas***, 2199 Mission St, Limited Live Performance
- g. EC-1884 - Francisco Ramos of Francisco's Mexican Food LLC, ***dba El Trebol Sports Bar #2 & Restaurant***, 3088 24th St, Limited Live Performance
- h. EC-1885 - Alifa Wong and Robert Vong of JU LLC, ***dba Would You Believe***, 4652 Geary Blvd, Limited Live Performance
- i. EC-1887 - Antonio Savino and Anne Gates of 493 BROADWAY LLC, ***dba Uncle Paul's Ceramics North Beach***, 493 Broadway, Limited Live Performance

**First Motion:** Commissioner Wang made a motion to move the following Consent Agenda permit application items to the Regular Agenda; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion:

- d. EC-1875 - Roberto Sanchez of El Taco Loco Inc, ***dba Playa Azul Seafood Restaurant & Bar***, 3318 Mission St, Limited Live Performance
- f. EC-1883 - Hector Cortes Herrera of Murales Bar LLC, ***dba Chac Mool Sports Bar Y Botanas***, 2199 Mission St, Limited Live Performance

Action: The Commission approved moving these two permit applications to the Regular Agenda.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Second Motion:** Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the remaining permit applications on the Consent Agenda with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit applications on the Consent Agenda with staff recommendations.

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Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) José Segue of Hicks with Sticks spoke in favor of EC-1879 dba Radio Habana Caffé's permit application

(=) Ron Mullick made a neutral comment about EC-1884 dba El Trebol Sports Bar #2 & Restaurant's permit application

**Regular Agenda:**

- d. EC-1875 - Roberto Sanchez of El Taco Loco Inc, ***dba Playa Azul Seafood Restaurant & Bar***, 3318 Mission St, Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Bleiman seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Alexander Polichroniadis, a neighbor of the business, spoke in opposition of the permit application

(-) Michaël Laventure, a neighbor of the business, spoke in opposition of the permit application

- f. EC-1883 - Hector Cortes Herrera of Murales Bar LLC, ***dba Chac Mool Sports Bar Y Botanas***, 2199 Mission St, Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Joel Becker, a neighbor of the business, spoke in opposition of the permit application

- j. EC-1873 - Anthony Healy-London, Matthew Conway, and Joshua McAdam of Burgers 355 LLC, ***dba Brass Tacks***, 488 Hayes St #A, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Stefano Cassolato, entertainment industry stakeholder, spoke in support of the permit application

(-) Richard Johnson of Hayes Valley Safe spoke in opposition of the permit application

- k. EC-1872 - Anthony Healy-London, Josh McAdam, and Matthew Conway of Burgers 355 LLC, ***dba Anina***, 482 Hayes St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Richard Johnson of Hayes Valley Safe, expressed further concerns about neighborhood activations and spoke in opposition of the permit application

- I. EC-1878 - Ian Duggan of The Liberties Pub LLC, ***dba The Liberties Bar & Restaurant***, 998 Guerrero St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion:

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- m. EC-1882 - Sidinaldo Benhur Da Silva, Dene Da Silva, and Clenio Paulinho Scartezini of La Alegria LLC, ***dba Sabor Gaucho***, 1500 Broadway, Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Kelly Gerber, neighbor of the business, spoke in opposition of the permit application

- n. EC-1874 - Francisco Ramos of Francisco's Mexican Bar Inc, ***dba El Trebol Sports Bar #2***, Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with two amendments to staff recommendations (see full list of conditions of approval below); Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with two amendments to staff recommendations. See below for approved conditions:

1. Good Neighbor Policy; and
2. Monthly event calendar to be sent to SFPD Mission Station and Entertainment Commission at the beginning of each month; and
3. All staff must be LEAD trained & RBS certified; and
4. Indoor entertainment allowed Thursday – Saturday 11am - 2am;
5. At least 1 security guard will be working the front door starting at 6pm Thursday, and 2 security guards working Friday – Saturday with one starting at 4pm and the other starting at 6pm; and
6. Security must be uniformed, LEAD trained, and possess valid and active guard cards. Copies of guard cards must be kept onsite and accessible to EC staff or SFPD when requested; and
7. When security is working per the hours listed above, they will check IDs, bags, and wand each patron before entry and re-entry of the bar; and
8. Security will use a clicker to keep track of the number of patrons inside the business; and
9. Permit holder will keep a log of patrons who have been removed from the premises and not allow those patrons reentry into the premises indefinitely; and
10. No third party promoters shall be permitted to host events at the premises; and
11. Permit holder shall contact SFPD by calling 911 dispatch if an altercation occurs inside the premises or within a 100-foot radius in all directions of the premises of the business; and
12. Sound abatement internal limit approved at 87dBA/91dBC maximum, measured from the ATM machine facing the sound source.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Oliver Bogen, neighbor of the business, spoke in opposition of the permit application

- o. EC-1890 - Brian Sheehy and Doug Dalton of Future Bars Inc, ***dba Long Weekend Bar***, 270 Columbus Ave, Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlender seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Wang, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlender

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**8. Commissioner Comments & Questions; New Business Request for Future Agenda Items:** This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce agenda items for future consideration, and to make announcements. [Action item and Announcements]

Public Comments: None

**9. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:16 PM