

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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Rebecca Bers
Renita LiVolsi, Vice President
Trevor McNeil
Kelly Wong



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Parker called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Present: Vice President Michelle Parker, Vice President Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Rebecca Bers, Commissioner McNeil, Commissioner Wong, Commissioner Lucy Bernholz (via remote).

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis.

President Parker stated the Commission's land acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone people.

2. General Public Comment

Tom S shared comment against multilingual ballots in support of potential cost-savings by producing English-only ballots.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

January 15 and January 30 meeting minutes were approved with President

Parker and Commissioner feedback.

There were no public commenters.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz presented his February 2025 monthly report.

Commissioner Wong suggested outreach to specific Asian community centers, including a potential neighborhood ambassador program, and shorter voter outreach videos/social media content.

Information about how to and who can participate in the Voting Accessibility and Language Access Advisory Committees was provided.

The Commissioners requested clarification regarding the timing and potential cost of the potential District 4 supervisor recall. Organizers have until late May to gather 9,911 valid signatures and an election date cannot be projected until the petitions are submitted and validated.

There were no public commenters.

5. Commissioners' Reports

President Parker reminded the commissioners to complete their Form 700, due by April 1; emails from the Ethics Department have been sent to all Commissioners.

6. Department of Elections 2025-2026 and 2026 – 2027 budget review.

The Commission met the required deadlines, with the first review meeting held at a special meeting on January 30 @ 6PM; the final review by the Commission was held during the regular February 19th meeting.

A motion to approve the Department of Elections 2025-2026 and 2026 – 2027 budget, including attached report documents and to support the proposed San Francisco Municipal Election Code amendments was presented by President Parker and seconded by Vice President LiVolsi.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Vice President Parker	Yes
Commissioner Bernholz	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Bers	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Wong	Yes

With six votes, the motion passed.

Public comment:

George G gave comment about potential cost savings if San Francisco moved to single-day voting and reduced signature matching.

7. 2023 and 2024 San Francisco Elections Commission Annual Report

President Parker shared information that the Annual Report for 2023 and 2024 was submitted to her by former President Stone. Commissioners made minor suggestions related to formatting and approved President Parker to add language related to the Racial Equity Progress Report and last year's website transition. The final report will be presented for Commission approval at the March 19, 2025 meeting.

There were no public commenters.

8. Future Agenda Items

None

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.