

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

Michelle Parker, President
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, August 20, 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 6:02 PM.

Present: President Michelle Parker, Vice President Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Rebecca Bers Commissioner Trevor McNeil, Commissioner Kelly Wong.

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

No commenters in person or via online.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

May meeting minutes were approved by general consensus.
There were no public commenters.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz presented his July and August 2025 monthly report. Topics included the District 4 recall election on September 16 and a possible November 4, 2025 statewide election. Also reported, the Dominion Voting Systems contract has been approved @ \$1.7m per year for 4 years; this represents a \$400,000 savings over the former contract.

Commissioners made comments and asked questions related to the FY26 budget, November statewide election, federal legislation, and voting accessibility.

There were no public commenters.

5. Election Plan for September 16, 2025 Special Recall Election

Director Arntz reported on the administrative-related special election details, including the security and staff cost savings since this election will not have to use the Pier 31 warehouse. As of early Monday, August 18th, 3,000 ballots had already been received.

A motion to approve the Department of Elections September Election Plan was presented by Commissioner McNeil and seconded by Commissioner Bers.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

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

Special Election Plan approved.

There were no public commenters.

6. Commissioners' Reports

President Parker informed the commissioners of a new Commissioners' Report process as follows: Commission reports will be limited to a brief description of activities and announcements from each Commissioner. Commission discussion will be limited to determining whether to calendar any of the issues raised for a future Commission meeting

- Commission President's Report: President Parker provided an update on voter-approved Prop E efforts to streamline the City's appointed boards and commissions, which established a task force. After evaluation, staff recommendation is to keep the Elections Commission. Unknown date for final decision, but the task force must approve a final report by February 1, 2026. March 1 is the deadline to approve legislation to amend the Charter or ordinance, and by April 1, the Board of Supervisors should hold hearings on the recommendations.
- Commissioners' Reports: None
- Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission meetings (ACTION): None

There were no public commenters.

7. Racial Equity Progress Report

President Parker introduced the item, stating that there are many new commissioners so this item is coming to the full Commission as opposed to the traditional venue for initial

discussion: BOPEC. She handed the item to VP LiVolsi to lead, who shared they want to get the entire commissions' input and to review new priorities that are in line with the racial equity plan, time to review past plans and come up with 2 priorities for the current plan.

DCA Flores requested the Commission table the topic so City Attorney staff could provide direction to the Commissioners with regards to language and topics related to the federal administration. There was discussion as to the City Attorney's office providing VP LiVolsi with guidance and potentially assigning draft recommendations to the BOPEC committee so the Commission could act at the September 17, 2025 meeting. President Parker will confer with VP LiVolsi and Secretary Davis on potential BOPEC assignments and next steps.

There were no public commenters.

8. Possible Closed Session – Personnel Exception

Shall the Elections Commission meet in a closed session to review the evaluation of the Director of the Department of Elections?

A motion to hold Item 8 in Closed Session was presented by Commissioner Bers and seconded by Vice President LiVolsi.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

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

Motion passed. There were no public commenters.

Closed Session was held. At the end of the Closed Session a motion was present by Vice President LiVolsi to not disclose Closed Session discussion regarding the public employee performance evaluation, seconded by Commissioner Wong.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

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

Motion passed.

9. Future Agenda Items

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President Parker noted the commission would start to determine commission priorities in September. No other items were suggested.

There were no public commenters.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:358pm.