

# **BOARD OF APPEALS**

## **CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025**

#### **REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND REMOTE ACCESS VIA ZOOM)**

#### **5:00 P.M., CITY HALL, ROOM 416, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE**

PRESENT: President John Trasviña, Vice President J.R. Eppler, Commissioner Rick Swig, Commissioner Jose Lopez, and Commissioner Rebecca Saroyan.

Jesse Mainardi, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney (CAT); Corey Teague, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department (PD); Joseph Ospital, Senior Building Inspector, Department of Building Inspection (DBI); Julie Lamarre, Executive Director; Alec Longaway, Legal Assistant.

#### **(1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Board will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting with one exception. When the agenda item has already been reviewed in a public hearing at which members of the public were allowed to testify and the Board has closed the public hearing, your opportunity to address the Board must be exercised during the Public Comment portion of the calendar. Each member of the public may address the Board for up to three minutes. At the discretion of the Board President, public comment and remote public participation may be limited to two minutes per person. If it is demonstrated that public comment and remote public participation will cumulatively exceed 15 minutes, the President may continue Public Comment and/or remote public participation to another time during the meeting.

SPEAKERS: None.

#### **(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

SPEAKERS: President Trasviña wished everyone a good evening. He stated that he was pleased to see a packed room and noted that there was another [overflow] room available for members of the public. He stated that there was only one item on the agenda which was a result of the Board unanimously granting the appellant's jurisdiction request earlier in the year. He noted that for many members of the public, it was their first time at the Board of Appeals. He assured the public that the Board was aware of the tremendous community and public interest in the matter. He noted that hundreds of pages of testimony were submitted as part of the record and assured the public that the commissioners carefully read everything. President Trasviña limited public comment to one minute to ensure that all voices could be heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### **(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Discussion and possible adoption of July 9, 2025 minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board vote 5-0 to adopt the July 9, 2025 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**(4) APPEAL NO. 25-021**

CHANDRA LABORDE, Appellant(s)	111 Taylor Street.
vs.	Appealing the ISSUANCE on January 28, 2025, to GEO Reentry Services, of a Letter of Determination (The site is used for a work furlough program sponsored by Federal and State government contracts. The Zoning Administrator determined that the legal use of the property is legal, noncomplying, Group Housing).
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Respondent	RECORD NO. 2024-010623ZAD. FOR HEARING TODAY.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Swig, the Board voted 4-1 (Vice President Eppler dissented) to deny the appeal and uphold the Letter of Determination on the basis that the Zoning Administrator did not err or abuse his discretion. The Board strongly encouraged the Zoning Administrator to continue the investigation of potential violations and to take enforcement action as needed.

SPEAKERS: Chandra Laborde, appellant; David Blackwell, attorney for determination holder; Maria Richard, agent for determination holder; Corey Teague, PD; Joseph Ospital, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Bilal Mahmood (District 5), Marcus Arana (Holy Old Man Bull), Ms. Janetta Johnson, Sister Anya, Stevie, Etta, Veronica, Megan Roher, Dr. Dan Kabella, Luther Patenge, Susan Stryker, Jen Divine, Jo Kreiter, Joseph Norris, Gemma Giron, JJ Dollarhide, Lea McGeever, Ella Brawn, Terra Liu, Cal Lerchi, Asher Copperman, Slay Latham, Wilder Zeiser, Santana Tapia, Westin Morris, Jersey Noah, Jason Wyman, Honey Mahogany, Vanessa Perez Winder, Pia Letoile-Goga, Julie Anton, Emerson Roblos, Dylan Inskeep, Rebecca Dun, Kara Plaxa, Radon Rosborough, Cherry Javier, Adonis A., Hunter Taylor-Black, Nat Martin, Donna Cruz, Nico, Quentin Freeman, Logan Evasco, Aiden Brown, Melissa Marquet, Elizabeth Cooper, Alex Torres, Yar Cohen, Vincent Damasiao, Ezra Reeves, Fletcher Janis, Mark Nasser, Mia Giesecke, Stephen Torres, David Elliott Louis, unidentified speaker, Laura Cohen, Nat Mar, Cliff Zheng, Brooke Lober, Mama Ganuush, Delphine, Mimi K., Shayne Watson, Michelle Williams, Kasey Rios, Kerby Lynch, Marie Cartier, Carlo Gomez Arteaga, Becca Goettsche, Michael Nulty, Mateo and Ian Duke spoke in support of the appellant.

Del Seaman recognized the importance of both groups and asked everyone to consider both sides.

Linda Connelly, Eddie Ballesteros, Armel, Silvio Lugo, Kenny Davis, Rudy Corpuz and William spoke in support of the determination holder.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, President Trasviña adjourned the meeting 9:54 p.m.

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.sf.gov/meeting-20250716-board-of-appeals-hearing-july-16-2025>

A video of this meeting, can be found at the following link:  
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