

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

#### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 welcomed everyone to the hearing. He noted that Commissioner Eppler would be leaving the Board and that it was his last meeting. He thanked Commissioner Eppler for his tremendous public service and tremendous contributions to the Board.

Commissioner Saroyan thanked Commissioner Eppler for his service and dedication to the City. She wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Swig thanked Commissioner Eppler for his public service and contributions to the Board.

Commissioner Lopez echoed the sentiments of the other commissioners and stated that he would miss Commissioner Eppler's analysis and sense of humor.

Vice President Eppler thanked the commissioners for their comments. He stated that it had been one of the greatest honors of his professional life to serve on the Board, and that it was necessary to step down so that he could pursue another avenue of service to the people. He thanked the commissioners, including former Commissioner Levy, deputy city attorneys, departmental staff, especially staff from the Planning and Building Departments, the deputy city attorneys, the Executive Director and Board staff for their contributions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kasey Rios thanked Vice President Eppler for his service on the Board.

**(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Discussion and possible adoption of July 16, 2025 meeting minutes.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Swig, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**(4) APPEAL NO. 25-010**

ALI SHAFIE, Appellant(s)	870 North Point Street.
vs.	Appealing the ISSUANCE on February 6, 2025, of an Alteration Permit (to comply with Notice of Violation No. 202317515; preexisting vinyl-replacement of vinyl siding, 6" Alside clap board; not visible from the street).
DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent	PERMIT NO. 2025/02/06/9786. FOR HEARING TODAY.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Lopez, the Board voted 5-0 to deny the appeal and uphold the permit on the basis that it was properly issued.

SPEAKERS: Ali Shafie, appellant; Corey Teague, PD; Joseph Ospital, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**(5) REHEARING REQUEST FOR APPEAL NO. 25-021**

<p><b>Subject property at 111 Taylor Street.</b> Chandra Laborde, Appellant, is requesting a rehearing of Appeal No. 25-021, CHANDRA LABORDE vs. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR decided July 16, 2025. At that time, 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. <b>Determination Holder:</b> GEO Reentry Services. <b>Determination Description:</b> 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, nonconforming, Group Housing. <b>Record No.:</b> 2024-010623ZAD.</p>
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Eppler, the Board voted 2-3 (Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Saroyan and Commissioner Swig dissented) to continue this matter to October 8,

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2025, so that the requestor's attorney would have time to familiarize herself with the case. Lacking the three votes needed to pass the motion failed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Saroyan, the Board voted 3-2 (President Trasviña and Vice President Eppler dissented) to deny the request because the Board did not find that any of the elements of Article V, Section 9(b) of the Board Rules were met.

SPEAKERS: Laura Strazzo, attorney for requestor; David Blackwell, attorney for determination holder; Corey Teague, PD.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wilder Zeiser, Delphine Brody, Kasey Rios, Michael Nulty and David Elliott Lewis spoke in support of the requestor.

### **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, President Trasviña adjourned the meeting 9:35 p.m.

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.sf.gov/meeting-20250820-board-of-appeals-hearing-august-20-2025>

A video of this meeting, can be found at the following link:  
[https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/50609?view\\_id=6&redirect=true](https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/50609?view_id=6&redirect=true)