



MEETING OF THE CIVIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Monday, November 17, 2025
2 p.m.
City Hall, Room 416**

Draft Minutes

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at **2:03** p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment (0:10)

Commissioners Present

Debra Walker, Chair
Jessica Rothschild
McKenna Quint
Chuck Collins, President
Riccardo Benavides (arrived 2:40 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent

Patrick Carney
Seth Brenzel
Janine Shiota, Vice President

Staff Present:

Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs
Sarah Hollenbeck, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Manraj Dhaliwal, Commission Secretary

Chair Walker asked for any agenda changes and no changes were suggested.

Chair Walker announced the public meeting instructions.

Commission Secretary Manraj Dhaliwal announced public comment instructions.

Chair Walker began the meeting by reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgment statement.

2. General Public Comment (5:55)

There was no public comment.

3. West Field Cargo Building 626.1 – Phase 3 Review (6:40)

The Committee received the Phase 3 presentation for the SFO Westfield Campus Cargo Building 626.1 project. Staff and the design team reported that the project has maintained its approved Phase 2 design, with refinements focused on detailing. Key updates included a finalized truck court lighting strategy using parapet-mounted linear fixtures, pole lights, and wall packs to maintain a clean façade while providing adequate illumination. The project continues to prioritize sustainability, targeting LEED Gold with a potential path to Platinum and incorporating extensive rooftop solar. Public art opportunities have been identified at the main entry plaza, with future possibilities at the AirTrain station. The Committee unanimously approved the Phase 3 review.

Commissioner Rothschild, seconded by Commissioner Quint moved to approve Phase 3 Review for West Field Cargo Building 626.1.

There was no additional public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Phase 3 Review for West Field Cargo Building 626.1.

4.SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization – Phase 3 Review (32:01)

Commissioner Rothschild recused herself from item 4, SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization – Phase 3 Review and item 5, SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization: Courtyard 4 Connector (C4) – Phase 3 Review, citing employment with Gensler. Commissioner Rothschild did not return to the meeting.

The meeting took a short recess at 2:35 p.m. due to lack of quorum. The meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m., with Commissioner Riccardo Benavides joining the meeting to maintain quorum.

The Committee received the Phase 3 presentation for the SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization project, which confirmed that the design remains consistent with the Phase 2 approval. The project team reviewed updates to the landside façade, including the refined “eyebrow” canopy, improved glazing and frit patterns that reduce glare, and clearly identifiable entry vestibules with enhanced lighting for better wayfinding. The airside façade was also reviewed, showing completed coordination of the boarding gate structures, integration of the required deluge fire-protection system, and a large airside-facing opening for passenger seating and concessions.

The team also presented refinements to the outdoor terrace, now simplified to allow more flexibility for future art and program uses while maintaining required life-safety access. Commissioners expressed strong support for the project’s clarity, passenger comfort, and architectural coherence, and SFO staff confirmed coordination with future curbside improvements such as planned bus shelter upgrades. The Committee unanimously approved the Phase 3 review.

Commissioner Quint, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to approve Phase 3 Review for SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization.

There was no additional public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Phase 3 Review for SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization.

**5. SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization: Courtyard 4 Connector (C4C)
– Phase 3 Review
(54:38)**

The Committee received the Phase 3 review of the Courtyard 4 Connector, a key structure linking Terminal 3 West to the International Terminal. The project includes a two-level passenger connector built above the existing courtyard and a five-sided tower above it that will house airport offices and potential airline lounge space. The design maintains the approved Phase 2 concept, carrying forward the metal panel and glazing language of the neighboring terminals while respecting the structural rhythm of the existing international “shoulder” building. Each façade of the tower is uniquely tuned to its sun exposure using a mix of glass, solid panels, and vertical fins, while a consistent horizontal “reveal” visually separates the tower from the podium.

The project team emphasized careful detailing, including aligned panel joints, coordinated soffit geometry, and a full window-washing access plan. Commissioners praised the architectural clarity and integration with surrounding terminals. The Committee unanimously approved the Phase 3 review.

Commissioner Quint, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to approve Phase 3 Review for SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization: Courtyard 4 Connector (C4C).

There was no additional public comment.

Motion to approve Phase 3 Review for SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization: Courtyard 4 Connector (C4C).

**6. New Business and Announcements
(1:11:00)**

President Collins reported on the Commission's recent field trip to SFO and highlighted the strong, longstanding partnership between the Arts Commission and the airport. He suggested organizing a high-level presentation for the full Commission to better showcase this relationship and the airport's significant public art program. No other new items or announcements were introduced.

No additional new business or announcements were raised.

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

(1:13:00)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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