



SAN FRANCISCO FILM COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 2PM
101 Grove Street, Room 300**

Members of the Commission
will attend this meeting in person at the location listed above

The Film Commission welcomes public comment and will hear
in person public comment on each agenda item.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Film Commissioners Present

Jack Song, Vice President; Jim Beaumonte, Commissioner; Claudine Cheng, Commissioner; Devanshu Patel, Commissioner; Tony Delorio, Commissioner; Franco Finn, Commissioner; Roberto Hernandez, Commissioner; Erin Kahn, Commissioner; Carolyn Tyler, Commissioner

Film Commissioners Absent

Villy Wang, President; Kate Goldstein-Breyer, Commissioner

Film SF Staff Present

Manijeh Fata, Executive Director; Sofia Alicastro, Deputy Director; Mark Hogains, Production Manager; Zoe Halsne, Senior Production Coordinator/Commission Secretary

Film SF Staff Absent

Ismael Castillo, Senior Production Coordinator

RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Explanatory Document:

<https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/Ramaytush%20Ohlone%20Land%20Acknowledgement.pdf>

COMMISSION MEETING AGREEMENTS





Explanatory Document:

https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/Commission%20Meeting%20Agreements_new.pdf

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ACTION

Presentation of and possible action to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025 Commission meeting.

Supporting document: <https://www.sf.gov/meeting--november-17-2025--november-17-2025-film-commission-meeting>

Motion to approve: Commissioner Beaumonte

Second: Commissioner Delorio

Commissioner Comment:
No comment.

Public Comment:
No comment.

Unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

3. FILM SF STAFF REPORT DISCUSSION

By Executive Director Manijeh Fata, Deputy Director Sofia Alicastro, Production Manager Mark Hogains, and Senior Production Coordinator/Commission Secretary Zoe Halsne.

This report will include:

- Report on recent/upcoming meetings, events, festivals, and productions
- Production stats





Executive Director Fata: We were pushing hard for the 10% out-of-zone uplift for the California Film and TV Tax Credit. Other countries have a similar incentive, like the out-of-zone uplift for productions that film outside of Toronto in Canada. Right now, in California, the uplift is just 5%. We also wanted all TV series, feature films, and independent projects to get the same uplifts—but independent projects do not qualify. We are trying to get clarity from all the stakeholders who were involved in the California Film and TV Tax Credit legislation update and determine what the next steps are. We also recently had some arts community convenings regarding the arts merger. Thank you Commissioner Kahn and Commissioner Finn for attending. Filmmakers, producers, and union members attended as well. The City will put out a job announcement for the head of this new arts department soon. Deputy Director Alicastro and I attended SFFILM's Doc Stories, a showcase of international documentaries. I attended Doc Congress, a convening of documentary filmmakers and stakeholders.

Deputy Director Alicastro: Executive Director Fata and I attended the Creative Economy Summit at SFMoMA. It was a series of artists talks. It was a great opportunity to network and connect with the leaders of the San Francisco creative economy. We had our 10th anniversary screening of *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* at the Roxie Theater. There was a post-screening Q&A with Line Producer Debbie Brubaker, First A.D. Brian Benson, and Set Decorator Susie Alegria moderated by Executive Director Fata. The director of the film, Marielle Heller, also sent us a video that was played before the film.

Senior Production Coordinator/Commission Secretary Halsne: From October 27 to November 16, 2024, we had 18 productions, 26 shoot days and \$590,000 estimated production spend in San Francisco. That same timeframe this year we had 13 productions, 23 shoot days, and \$2.2 million estimated spend. This is due to a commercial with a large budget that shot here recently. Production highlights include a corporate video shot by Apple. Upcoming film festivals include Festival of the Moving Image and Another Hole in the Head Film Fest. *The Game* will also be screening at the 4 Star Theater. Our total Instagram followers have increased to nearly 4400. Our next commission meeting will be on December 17. *The Adachi Project* is screening a series of films on December 2, and the Roxie holiday party will be on December 11.

Commissioner Comment:

No comment.

Public Comment:

No comment.

4. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION





Allows President, Vice President, and Commissioners to report on recent film activities and make announcements that are of interest to the film and media community. Allows Commissioners to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission.

Commissioner Comment:

Vice President Song: The commission election for president and vice president will be agenda items at the December meeting. The next Commission Streamlining Taskforce meeting is on November 19.

Commissioner Hernandez: Where does the film commission stand?

Executive Director Fata: There are two parallel processes. One is the Commission Streamlining Taskforce's decision regarding our commission, and the other is the merging of our department with the Arts Commission and Grants for the Arts. The Commission Streamlining Taskforce has not put in their official recommendation, which will happen in April. In their first meeting, the initial recommendation was to keep the commission. In the November 19 meeting, they will determine the commission's hiring and firing authority of the Executive Director, commissioner term limits, and whether to make the commission advisory.

Commissioner Hernandez: The film commission is a legislative body. We are not advisory. If there is a change to be made, it would require legislative change. It does not make sense to make the commission advisory-only.

Commissioner Cheng: We need to have clarity around the origin of the film commission. We are not a chartered commission. Although we are not advisory, we are not making decisions like granting or rejecting permits.

Public Comment:

No comment.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT DISCUSSION

Members of the public can comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Comment:

No comment.





Public Comment:

Assistant Executive Director Escobedo, San Francisco-Northern California SAG-AFTRA
: We have about 55% of hires compared to last year. We have seen significant drop-off for commercial and corporate work.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 2:37pm.

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