

2026 SFEC Goal: Improve the Commission's Ability to Effectively Serve via Educational Opportunities (DRAFT LANGUAGE)

The Commission will engage in at least four educational sessions during 2026, which will increase commissioners' and the public's understanding of topics relevant to the Commission's purpose of ensuring that San Francisco elections are free, fair and functional, and better position commissioners to be effective in their public service.

COMMISSIONER NAME: Michelle Parker

TOPIC: Open Source Voting

GOAL(S):

Commissioners and the public will:

- Understand what open source voting (OSV) is
- Understand why some election security experts advocate for OSV as a solution
- Understand the role of various stakeholders in decisions around elections systems such as OSV, e.g. the commission, the Board of Supervisors, the Secretary of State, the department director
- Understand the requirements and process for adopting an OSV voting system for San Francisco
- Learn the history of OSV-related policies and priorities in San Francisco
- Learn about examples of states who have implemented OSV and their process for getting there, including any similarities between those states and California. Brief understanding of their process, and any similarities in size, scope, RCV

PRESENTER(S):

- Drawing from past speakers to the commission, invite a set of speakers to cover OSV 101, San Francisco history with OSV, and successful OSV adoptions in other jurisdictions. Examples of speakers are included in [this overview](#).

WHEN TO HOLD THE SESSION. Please indicate your first, second, and third choices for which month to hold the session, and include any other comments, if needed.

1. August
2. April
3. December