

Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 18, 2026

5:00 pm

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order / Roll Call – Meeting called to order at: 5:03pm

SDDTAC Members Present: Prasanthi Patel, Chester Williams, Jennifer Lebarre, Alesandra Lozano, Michelle Kim, Linda Barnard, Gabriela Rumbo, Shoon Mon, Abby Cabrera, Jamey Schmidt, Linda Kuo Omar Flores, Laura Urban, Saeeda Hafiz, Tiffany Kenison

DPH Staff: Marianne Szeto, Kim Wong, Priscilla Rodriguez, Nyisha Underwood, Cathleen Xing, Asa King, Christina Goette

Public: Roberto Vargas, Marna Armstead

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of Minutes for Previous (January) Meeting [Action]

Jamey motions to approve minutes. Linda Kuo seconds. 14 votes, minutes are approved.

4. Review and Consideration of Regular Agenda [Action]

Jamey motions to approve agenda. Saeeda seconds. 14 votes, agenda is approved.

5. General Public Comment – No Public Comment

6. DPH Staff Report [Discussion and Possible Action] 48:32

- a. Christina Goette, MPH - Recognition and Acknowledgement – staff and members recognize Christina Goette for her 26 years of service to the City and County of SF and her instrumental role in the implementation of the SF soda tax.

- b. Changes to SDDTAC members seats 3 and 12 - application and supplemental questions for seat 3 – health equity (due March 13, 2026) are posted [Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee \(SDDTAC\) | SF.gov.](#)

Seat 12 Food Access/Security seat - Omar shared that they are stepping down as the seat 12 representative on the SDDTAC. Omar will continue to share the work of the SDDTAC and continues to volunteer in food access spaces. He thanks all for their support.

Abby and Laura thank Omar for their work as co-chair of the SDDTAC and all their contributions to food access/security.

Seat 12 is a DPH appointed seat and as of March 1st, Priscilla Rodriguez (P) will be stepping in to fill seat 12. P is currently the backbone staff of the Food Security Task Force. P thanks Omar for their work and looks forward to working with the SDDTAC.

- c. SFDPH Budget - Health Commission Meetings - DPH presented the proposed budget to the Health Commission on 1/5/2026, 2/2/2026 and on 3/2/2026; March 6th – finalized list of allocated cuts will be published.

- d. Commission Streamlining Taskforce Final Report – the Task Force has released is [final report](#) to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.
- e. In Advance Community Action Research Update - In Advance meet with workgroup to identify CBOs to partner with on focus groups and surveying. If you know of any community events where they can table and conduct surveys before the end of April, contact staff.

Member asks if there is any information in regard to charter amendments that may go to ballot and if In Advance is aware of that work. Staff share that the SDDTAC will be included in the charter reform with the Commission Streamlining Task Force’s recommendation to keep the SDDTAC. Members who are part of InAdvance workgroup can follow up with Lolis and Molly.

7. SDDT 2025 Data Brief Review and Vote [Discussion and Action] 15 minutes

Staff provide an overview of the SDDT 2025 Data Brief that focuses on the following areas: oral health, food security, sugary drink consumption among adults in SF, sugary drink sales and consumption. An appendix was also created, with data not included in the data brief but collected. The data and evidence subcommittee have vetted the data brief prior to this meeting.

Member suggests adding data date to reference 11 of the 2025 SDDT data brief.

Abby motions to approve 2025 SDDT Data Brief and Appendix. Tiffany seconds, 14 votes, 2025 SDDT Data Brief and Appendix are approved.

8. SDDT FY 24-25 Evaluation Report Review and Vote [Discussion and Action] 15 minutes

The data and evidence subcommittee reviewed this report and provided feedback. Reminder to SDDTAC that this report reflects the last fiscal year that Mayor Breed was in office when the soda tax allocations budget cuts began July 1, 2024.

Staff provides overview of the SDDT FY 24-25 evaluation report and shares the recommendations with feedback from the data and evidence subcommittee.

Abby motions to approve the SDDT FY 24-25 evaluation report with pending letter from the SDDTAC co-chairs. Linda Barnard seconds. 14 votes, SDDT FY 24-25 evaluation report is approved.

9. SDDTAC Strategic Plan [Discussion and Possible Action] 40 minutes

Chair shares that the SDDTAC strategic plan for the next 5 years will help guide the committee’s work moving forward. The chairs and staff met to discuss moving forward. Michelle and Prasanthi will serve as the SDDTAC strategic plan leads and will work closely with everyone over the next few months with the intent is to complete the strategic plan by end of June 2026.

Prasanthi provides overview of the 2026 –2031 implementation plan with draft goals and objectives (modeled after CavityFree SF tool). There are currently 6 strategies: governance, policy/revenue protection/growth, education/awareness, collaboration/collective impact, and data/evaluation.

Next steps: Members are encouraged to review strategic planning document. In March, SDDTAC strategic plan leads will meet bi-weekly to finalize the objectives and a lead will attend subcommittee meetings to support and guide the planning of the strategic plan and to have goals completed and review at the March 18th committee meeting.

10. Subcommittee Update [Discussion and Possible Action] 15 minutes

- a. Co-Chair - Chairs provide overview of meetings to present SDDTAC budget recommendations to Mayor’s Office staff and felt that the bridge plan was a great launching pad as they begin planning and have committed to ensure that a health policy staff work

with the SDDTAC. Co-chairs asked mayoral staff to communicate with the SDDTAC before budget is publicly released.

Chairs have completed their group board of supervisor meetings and will be doing drop in visits in the upcoming months.

Co-Chairs working on co-chair letters for annual report and evaluation report. Chairs will also be presenting at the Food Security Task Force at their April meeting.

- a. Infrastructure - Chair shared that the subcommittee approval subcommittee annual report section and discussed the strategic plan.
- b. Community Input – Chair shared that subcommittee approved subcommittee annual report section.
- c. Data & Evidence – Chair shared that subcommittee approved the SDDT 2025 data brief, FY 24-25 evaluation report and subcommittee annual report section.

11. Committee Member Proposed Future Agenda Items [Discussion and Possible Action] – 2 minutes

- Strategic Plan

12. Announcements [Discussion and Possible Action] – 5 minutes

- Abby – [Webinar – 7 Real World Ways to Use AI Tools February 19, 2026 – 11am](#)
- Shape Up SF Coalition Meeting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shape-up-sf-coalition-meeting-tickets-1975134035068?aff=oddtcreator>
- [Cavity Free SF Strategic Plan Launch February 19, 2026](#)
- [SDDTAC Seat 3 – Health Equity Vacancy](#): Share with your networks
- Laura – League of Women’s Voter’s, SF Women’s Political Committee & More Present: The Future of Independent Commissions in SF – March 11, 2026 -6pm – 7:30 at the Women’s Building

13. Adjournment [Action]

Saeeda motions to adjourn. Prasanthi seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 7:11pm.