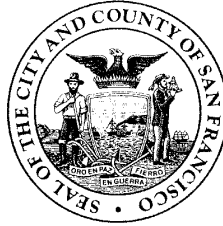


ELECTIONS COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
October 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Parker called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Present: President Michelle Parker, Vice President Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Rebecca Bers, Commissioner Trevor McNeil, Commissioner Kelly Wong and Commissioner Hallinan.

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis.

President Parker stated the Commission's land acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone people.

President Parker introduced our new Commissioner Neil Hallinan; he was appointed by the San Francisco Treasurer. Commissioner Hallinan shared his background and expressed his appreciation to serve on the Commission.

2. General Public Comment

George from the Election Integrity Team shared a concern he had with the potential to see through mail-in ballot envelopes for November's election.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025, Elections Commission meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

There was no public comment.

4. Director's Report and Communications

The Elections Department Director shared details and actions from the October 2025 Director's Report. This report included the November 4th Statewide Special Election details, ballot reports, ongoing voter outreach, and the administrative details regarding polling and processing activities regarding the special election.

Questions and comments from commissioners related to language access, distribution and collection of ballots in county jails, and appreciation for a smooth election.

There was no public comment.

5. September 16, 2025 Special Recall Election Review

Discussion regarding the Elections Commission's review of the September 16, 2025 Special Recall Election, including review of incident report, clarifying questions on terminology, and the procedural timing for the Mayor to appoint a new commissioner for District 4.

There was no public comment.

A motion to approve the results of the September 16 Recall Election election was made by Commissioner Bers and seconded by Vice President LiVolsi.

President Parker	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Bers	Yes
Commissioner Hallinan	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Wong	Yes

Motion passed.

6. 2025-2026 Election Commission and/or Department Priorities and Goals

A discussion regarding potential policies, priorities, and goals over the coming year was had, with simple criteria suggested by President Parker: should be actionable by the Commission, measurable, and realistic with Commission and Secretary capacity. Ideas for

topics included education, voter access, cybersecurity, accountability, transparency, public engagement, and committee self-assessment vis a vis goals.

Individual commissioners were assigned to draft brief description of educational topics to cover in 2026 meetings: AI implications on elections (LiVolsi), outreach to other elections commission re: professional development best practices (McNeil), language access (Wong), Open-Source voting (Parker), qualitative election issues and barriers for voters (Bers). Also to consider: community engagement and outreach so the public knows these learning opportunities are available.

Other potential goals to be discussed in future meetings.

Public comment:

- Tom Slackman expressed interest in open Commission seats to be filled with more political diversity, appointing a non-Democrat. He also shared concerns related to non-American ballot counters, incorrect country abbreviations in birth code tables, and voter roll clean-up.
- George from the Election Integrity group expressed support for public involvement and education ideas, and suggested a “election expo” for candidates and ballot issues.

Brief Break – 7:06 – 7:11 PM

7. Commissioners’ Reports

President Parker asked staff to check their calendars and let her know, via email, as soon as possible if any Commissioner has a calendar conflict with either the November and December commission meetings.

Commissioner Wong indicated she will not be available for the November meeting.

There was no public comment.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Commissioner Announcements

Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas.

No discussion.

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

