



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Members: Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, Rafael Mandelman

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Monday, September 28, 2026

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, and Rafael Mandelman

The Rules Committee met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2026, with Chair Shamann Walton presiding. Chair Walton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Walton, Vice Chair Sherrill, and Member Mandelman were noted present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (victor.young@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

260901 [Appointments, Animal Advisory Council - Mark Ryle, Rebecca Schwartz, Irina Ozerney and Larisa Beckwith]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 30, 2027, and three members, terms ending April 30, 2028, to the Animal Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 1, succeeding Michael Reed, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028.

Vacant seat 2, succeeding Irina Ozerney, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028.

Vacant seat 4, succeeding Nicholas Chapman, resigned, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2027.

Vacant seat 7, succeeding Brian Van Horn, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028.

It is desired but not required that one member appointed by the Board of Supervisors be a licensed veterinarian practicing in San Francisco.

08/13/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Alexandra Porshnikoff; Emily Guzzardi; Irina Ozerney; Larisa Beckwith; Rachel Miller; Rebecca Schwartz; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Michael Angelo Torres, President (Animal Advisory Council); spoke in support of the appointment of various applicant(s).

Rebecca Schwartz, seat 1, recommended.

Irina Ozerney, seat 2, recommended.

Mark Ryle, seat 4, recommended.

Larisa Beckwith, seat 7, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Mark Ryle, term ending April 30, 2027, and Rebecca Schwartz, Irina Ozernoy and Larisa Beckwith, terms ending April 30, 2028, to the Animal Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board) Mark Ryle, seat 4, succeeding Nicholas Chapman, resigned, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2027;

Rebecca Schwartz, seat 1, succeeding Michael Reed, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028;

Irina Ozernoy, seat 2, succeeding herself, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028;

Larisa Beckwith, seat 7, succeeding Brian Van Horn, term expired, must represent the general public and have interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2028.

Member Mandelman moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

261030 [Suspension and Approval of Charges of Official Misconduct - Commissioner William Palmer]

Sponsors: Sherrill; Mandelman and Wong

Motion suspending Commissioner William Palmer from the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board and approving charges of official misconduct against Commissioner Palmer under Charter, Section 15.105; directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit this Motion and the charges of official misconduct to the Ethics Commission; and directing the City Attorney to serve this Motion and the charges of official misconduct on Commissioner Palmer.

09/15/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): None.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:32 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Rules Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.