City and County of San Francisco

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Seat 1	VACANT	Seat 7	Matthew Yankee
Seat 2	Lila LaHood	Seat 8	Christopher Ojeda
Seat 3	VACANT	Seat 9	MacKenzie Ewing
Seat 4	Ankita Kumar	Seat 10	Joe Sangirardi
Seat 5	Maxine Anderson	Seat 11	Bruce Wolfe
Seat 6	Matthew Donahue		

Ex-officio *(non-voting)* VACANT - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or their designee

Ex-officio *(non-voting)* Michael Adams - Mayor's designee

Clerk: Victor Young
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Wednesday, September 30, 2026	**4:00 p.m. Special Meeting**	**City Hall, Room 408**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AMD ROLL CALL** (00:00:31)

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. Members Kumar, Anderson, Donahue, Yankee, Ojeda, Ewing, Sangirardi, and Wolfe were noted present. Ex-officio Members Calvillo and Adams were noted present. Member LaHood was noted not present. There was a quorum.

Deputy Director Alisa Somera was noted present. Administrators Victor Young and Patricia Petersen were noted present.

Public Comment: None.

2. **Introduction of Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Members** (00:03:59)

The Members, Ex Officio Member Calvillo and Deputy Director Somera introduced themselves. Ex officio Member Adams announced his departure from the Task Force.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

3. **Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Process and Procedures** (00:20:41))

Ex Officio Member Calvillo provided an overview of the California public access laws and the means for ensuring that the government processes remain visible. The members discussed the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force ByLaws, the Complaint procedures, Orders of Determination, and implementation of the Sunshine Ordinance. Deputy Director Somera provided an overview of the Complaint life cycle.

4. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. (01:11:49)

Public Comment:

Dr. Derek Kerr commented on the history of the Task Force and encouraged the members' commitment to government transparency.

Richard Knee commented on the objectives of the Sunshine Ordinance.

Patrick Monette-Shaw expressed concern about the affiliations of new members and will be monitoring their decisions.

Randy Lyman expressed his shock and outrage at statements by certain supervisors who want to convert the sunshine ordinance to achieve the opposite of its intended purpose.

5. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force**. (01:20:21)
(Note: Public Comment on this item is limited to subject matters presented by members of the SOTF.)

Patrick Monette-Shaw stated that when former Supervisors David Chiu and Scott Weiner were referred to the Ethics Commission for a willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance in 2012 they engineered a six-month shutdown of the Task Force and recruited appointees without prior experience in open government public advocacy.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** (1:25:09)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37.m.

APPROVED: _____
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

N.b. the Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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From: pmonette-shaw
To: Young, Victor (BOS); Petersen, Patricia (BOS)
Subject: My 150-word written testimony for inclusion in the 9/30/26 SOTF meeting minutes
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 8:53:42 PM

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Hi Mr. Young and Ms. Petersen,

Attached is my 150-word written testimony for inclusion in the minutes of the full 9/30/26 SOTF meeting minutes.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Patrick Monette-Shaw

150-Word Testimony for Inclusion in Meeting Minutes of
SOTF Meeting September 30, 2026

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Item #2 Introduction to New SOTF Members
150-Word **Testimony**

Three of four new SOTF appointees — Matthew Donahue, MacKenzie Ewing, Christopher Ojeda — indicated on their applications they had never attended any meetings of this body prior to submitting applications. All three showed insufficient experience in either consumer advocacy or citizen access and participation in local government for appointment. More alarming: Donahue and Ewing are listed as members of the Alice B. Toklas Club's "*Events Committee*"; Joe Sangirardi is a member of the Toklas Club's Board of Directors. Dexter Darmali, the mayor's legislative and ethics secretary handling public records for the mayor's office, is a member of the Toklas Club's "*Field Committee*."

Given the Toklas Club's stated mission of being a "*moderate*" voice in San Francisco politics, the Club's concentration of new SOTF appointees is very concerning. These four new SOTF members appear seated by the Board of Supervisors due to political patronage factors, not qualifications to serve on this body.

Item #3 General Public Comment
150-Word Testimony

Supervisor Mandelman was quoted wanting "*pragmatic*" appointees "*sensitive*" to "*burdens*" public-records requesters place on City departments, worried Sunshine laws are being "*misused*." Being "*sensitive*" to burdens on City employees is NOT a regulatory-seat qualification; it invites tilting the Task Force toward agencies it exists to police. "*Pragmatism*" appears nowhere in the Sunshine Ordinance's appointment qualifications; it shouldn't become an unwritten litmus test for sidelining sitting members who take enforcement seriously.

In 2012, after Supervisors David Chiu and Scott Wiener were referred to Ethics for a willful Sunshine violation, they engineered a six-month SOTF shutdown, recruiting Toklas Club members Louise Fischer and Todd David, lacking open-government advocacy experience. Both frequently ruled against Sunshine complainants over delayed or denied public records — an embarrassment. I and other watchdogs will monitor new appointees' decisions on Sunshine complaints, ensuring the Ordinance is adhered to, not substituted with "*pragmatism*" easing burdens on City employees and Departments!