



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Rules Committee

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

*Members: Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, Connie Chan*

*Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723*

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Monday, February 8, 2021

10:00 AM

### Regular Meeting

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**Present:** 3 - Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, and Connie Chan

*The Rules Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing on Monday, February 8, 2021, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

### Remote Access to Information and Participation

*In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at ([www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org)) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.*

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### ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan were noted present. A quorum was present.*

### AGENDA CHANGES

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

*The meeting was recessed from 10:12 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.*

### **210114 [Appointments, Guaranteed Income Advisory Group - Shirley Yee, Jacob Denney, James Pugh, Gloria Berry, Norel Knowles, Roberto Ariel Vargas, Bina Shrimali and Elena Chavez Quezada]**

Hearing to consider appointing seven members, indefinite terms, to the Guaranteed Income Advisory Group. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 1, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 2, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 3, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 4, new appointment, must be held by a person who has personally experienced poverty while living in San Francisco, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 5, new appointment, must be held by a person under the age of 24 at the time of appointment who has personally experienced poverty, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 6, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 7, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 8, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term.

02/01/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Shirley Yee; Jacob Denney; James Pugh; Gloria Berry; Roberto Ariel Vargas; Elena Chavez Quezada; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants.*

*Appointment of Shirley Yee, seat 1, recommended (residency requirement waived).*

*Appointment of Jacob Denney, seat 2, recommended.*

*Appointment of James Pugh, seat 3, recommended (residency requirement waived).*

*Appointment of Gloria Berry, seat 4, recommended.*

*Appointment of Norel Knowles, seat 5, recommended.*

*Appointment of Roberto Ariel Vargas, seat 6, recommended (residency requirement waived).*

*Appointment of Bina Shrimali, seat 7, recommended.*

*Appointment of Elena Chavez Quezada, seat 8, recommended.*

### **PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Shirley Yee (residency requirement waived), Jacob Denney, James Pugh (residency requirement waived), Gloria Berry, Norel Knowles, Roberto Ariel Vargas (residency requirement waived), Bina Shrimali, and Elena Chavez Quezada, indefinite terms, to the Guaranteed Income Advisory Group. (Rules Committee)

Shirley Yee (residency requirement waived), Seat 1, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term;

Jacob Denney, Seat 2, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term;

James Pugh (residency requirement waived), Seat 3, new appointment, must be held by a person with expertise in economics, finance, political science, or public policy, and with experience researching and analyzing Guaranteed Income programs, for an indefinite term;

Gloria Berry, Seat 4, new appointment, must be held by a person who has personally experienced poverty while living in San Francisco, for an indefinite term;

Norel Knowles, Seat 5, new appointment, must be held by a person under the age of 24 at the time of appointment who has personally experienced poverty, for an indefinite term;

Roberto Ariel Vargas (residency requirement waived), Seat 6, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term;

Bina Shrimali, Seat 7, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term;

Elena Chavez Quezada, Seat 8, new appointment, must be held by a person with professional experience serving low income individuals, families or youth, and with training and expertise in social, racial, or gender equity, intersectional problem solving, or cultural humility, for an indefinite term.

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

### **Supervisor Chan Excused from Voting**

**Chair Peskin moved that Supervisor Chan be excused from voting on File No. 210106. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

### **210106 [Appointment, San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission - Supervisor Connie Chan]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Connie Chan, term ending February 4, 2023, to the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Peskin, Mandelman

Excused: 1 - Chan

**210101 [Appointment, Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board - Supervisor Hillary Ronen]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Hillary Ronen, term ending June 30, 2021, as an alternate member to the Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**210103 [Reappointment, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors - Supervisor Shamann Walton]**

Motion reappointing Supervisor Shamann Walton, term ending February 1, 2025, to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**210107 [Appointment, Behavioral Health Commission - Supervisor Ahsha Safai]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Ahsha Safai, term ending January 1, 2024, to the Behavioral Health Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker: Wynship Hillier (see Addendum); spoke neither in support nor against the appointment Supervisor Ahsha Safai.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 3 and 12, to replace 'January 1, 2024' with 'January 1, 2023'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Motion appointing Supervisor Ahsha Safai, term ending January 1, 2023, to the Behavioral Health Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Chair Peskin requested that File Nos. 210102, 210104, 21205, and 210108 be called together.

**210102 [Appointment, Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board - Supervisor Myrna Melgar]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Myrna Melgar, term ending June 30, 2021, as an alternate member to the Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**210104 [Appointment, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors - Supervisor Myrna Melgar]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Myrna Melgar, term ending February 1, 2025, to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**210105 [Appointment, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, Board of Directors - Supervisor Myrna Melgar]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Myrna Melgar, term ending January 31, 2023, to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, Board of Directors. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 1, Line 12, to strike 'the Executive Director of'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

**210108 [Appointment, Children and Families First Commission - Supervisor Myrna Melgar]**

Motion appointing Supervisor Myrna Melgar, for an indefinite term, to the Children and Families First Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

01/27/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.*

**Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:40 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.*

## ADDENDUM

*The following information is provided by speaker(s), pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 67.16. The content is neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors.*

*Wynship Hillier submitted the following additional information regarding File No. 210107 "In 2019, Supervisor Stefani was appointed to this position. By 2020, when she resigned from it, she had never attended a single of the meeting of the Commission, sending staff to each of them to participate in her place. This was not acceptable, and Supervisor Safai should not continue this practice if appointed. The Commission's \*Bylaws,\* Article XI, cite \*Robert's Rules of Order\* as its parliamentary authority, and this resource reports that proxy voting is prohibited unless law or \*Bylaws\* require it and that citation of \*Robert's Rules\* in \*Bylaws\* is sufficient for prohibition. Law and \*Bylaws\* otherwise being silent on the issue, proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Commission. Section 15.13(d) of the Administrative Code requires removal of Commissioners after four unexcused absences in a twelve-month period. I will ask for enforcement of this provision is Supervisor Safai does not attend meetings of the Commission in person."*