



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Monday, March 4, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, and Ahsha Safai

The Rules Committee met in regular session, on Monday, March 4, 2024, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen, Vice-Chair Walton, and Member Safai 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

240172 [Appointments, Immigrant Rights Commission – Aseel Fara, Mario Paz, Celine Kennelly, Yu Pok Ng, Sarah Souza, and Lucia Obregon]

Hearing to consider appointing six members, terms ending June 6, 2025, to the Immigrant Rights Commission. (Rules Committee)

Seat 4, succeeding Zay David Latt, term expired, must have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Seat 6, succeeding Mario Paz, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Seat 7, succeeding Celine Kennelly, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Seat 8, succeeding Nima Rahimi, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Seat 10, succeeding Sarah Souza, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Seat 11, succeeding Lucia Obregon Matzer, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Aseel Fara; Celine Kennelly; Yu Pok (Jose) Ng; Jorge Riva, Commission Secretary (Immigrant Rights Commission) spoke on behalf of various applicants; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Vicent Pan; spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants.

Aseel Fara, seat 4, recommended.

Mario Paz, seat 6, recommended (residency requirement waived).

Celine Kennelly, seat 7, recommended.

Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng), seat 8, recommended.

Sarah Souza, seat 10, recommended.

Lucia Obregon, seat 11, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Aseel Fara, Mario Paz (residency requirement waived), Celine Kennelly, Yu Pok Ng, Sarah Souza, and Lucia Obregon, terms ending June 6, 2025, to the Immigrant Rights Commission. (Rules Committee)

Aseel Fara, seat 4, succeeding Zay David Latt, term expired, must have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025;

Mario Paz (residency requirement waived), seat 6, succeeding themselves, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025;

Celine Kennelly, seat 7, succeeding herself, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025;

Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng), seat 8, succeeding Nima Rahimi, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025;

Sara Souza, seat 10, succeeding herself, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025;

Lucia Obregon, seat 11, succeeding herself, term expired, must be an immigrant to the United States, appointed in accordance with Charter, Section 4.101, and have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the health, human service, educational, or employment issues that affect immigrants residing in San Francisco and shall reflect the geographic, ethnic, and sexual orientation population of San Francisco, for a two-year term ending June 6, 2025; and, be it

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240088 [Administrative Code - Legacy Business Assistance Program]

Sponsors: Mayor; Peskin, Ronen and Safai

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the Legacy Business Assistance Program.

01/30/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 2/29/2024.

02/06/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Small Business Commission for review and report.

02/29/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Katy Tang, Director (Small Business Commission); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Calvin Yan (Office of President Peskin); spoke in support of the matter.

Supervisors Ronen and Safai requested to be as a co-sponsors.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:41 a.m.

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