



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Monday, July 1, 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, July 1, 2024, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen and Vice Chair Walton were noted present. Member Safai was noted not present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Member Safai was noted present at 10:09 a.m.

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

240545 [Charter Amendment - Accountability for Funding Children and Youth Services for City Departments and the Unified School District]**Sponsors: Melgar; Ronen, Walton, Stefani, Safai, Dorsey and Engardio**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) require the Our Children, Our Families Council ("Council") to use an outcomes framework to evaluate the budget and spending of each City department with expenditures that are eligible to be included in the Children and Youth Fund baseline or the Public Education Enrichment Fund ("PEEF"); 2) require the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the Council's findings during their consideration of the City budget each year, including by the Board of Supervisors holding a public hearing and adopting findings about the expenditures by resolution; 3) require the San Francisco Unified School District ("School District") to submit proposals once every five years and annual reports describing how it will spend the City's general fund contribution to the PEEF consistent with the outcomes framework; 4) prohibit the City from providing PEEF funding to the School District until the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have approved the School District's proposal; 5) prohibit the City from providing discretionary funds to the School District unless it has entered into a data-sharing agreement with the City; 6) create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative to coordinate City departments and the School District; and 7) establish the size and membership of the Council; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

05/21/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/20/2024.

05/28/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental determination; referred to Controller for fiscal analysis; and referred to Department of Human Resources for determination of meet and confer requirements. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Children and Families Commission, Human Services Agency, Department of Early Childhood and Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families and pursuant to BOS Rules of Order 2.22.4. Referred to the Youth Commission for review and report.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Myrma Melgar (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240550 [Charter Amendment - Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors and Families]**Sponsor: Peskin**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require the Board of Supervisors set aside specified funds in the City's budget each year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to fund project-based rental subsidies for extremely low-income households consisting of seniors, families with children, and persons with disabilities; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

05/21/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/20/2024.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): President Aaron Peskin (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240547 [Charter Amendment - Commission Reform]**Sponsors: Peskin; Ronen**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Commission Streamlining Task Force charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors about ways to modify, eliminate, or combine the City's appointive boards and commissions to improve the administration of City government; require the City Attorney to prepare a Charter Amendment to implement the Task Force's recommendations relating to Charter commissions, for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and authorize the Task Force to introduce an ordinance to effectuate its recommendations relating to appointive boards and commissions codified in the Municipal Code, which ordinance shall go into effect within 90 days unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

05/21/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/20/2024.

05/28/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental determination; referred to Controller for fiscal analysis; and referred to Department of Human Resources for determination of meet and confer requirements. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, and Ethics Commission pursuant to BOS Rules of Order 2.22.4.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): President Aaron Peskin (Board of Supervisors); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; John Motsay; Speaker; spoke in support of the matter. Speaker; Donna Herwitz; Adelle; Speaker; Barbara Kletz; Speaker; Jennifer; Sophie; Lucy Junice; Ms. Yee; Randy; Speaker; Debra; Edward Cadweld; Mark Robin; Larry Barnoff; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Supervisor Ronen requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 3, Lines, 5-7, to insert 'Recommendations could include changes to the structure, staffing, and meeting requirements of individual commissions, with the goal of improving the commissions' efficacy'; to insert new Section (g) acknowledging consistency with the recommendations from the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury Report as well as the Rose Institute of State and Local Government's report; setting the expiration date as January 31, 2027; and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Commission Streamlining Task Force charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors about ways to modify, eliminate, or combine the City's appointive boards and commissions to improve the administration of City government; require the City Attorney to prepare a Charter Amendment to implement the Task Force's recommendations relating to Charter commissions, for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and authorize the Task Force to introduce an ordinance to effectuate its recommendations relating to appointive boards and commissions codified in the Municipal Code, which ordinance shall go into effect within 90 days unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED. 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 11:07 a.m.

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