



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, October 20, 2025

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, October 20, 2025, with Chair Shamann Walton presiding. Chair Walton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Member Mandelman was noted present at 10:03 p.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

250480 [Appointments, Immigrant Rights Commission - Hans How, Kudrat Kontilis, Laura Padilla, Adoubou Traore, Aseel Fara, Mario Paz, Celine Kennelly, Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng), Sarah Souza and Lucia Obregon]

Hearing to consider appointing five members, terms ending June 6, 2026, and six members, terms ending June 6, 2027, to the Immigrant Rights Commission. (Rules Committee)

Seat 1, succeeding Jessie Ruiz Navarro, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Seat 2, succeeding Haregu Gaime, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Seat 3, succeeding Kudrat Dutta Chaudhary, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Seat 4, succeeding Aseel Fara, 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, 2027;

Seat 5, succeeding Marco Senghor, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

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, 2027.

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, 2027.

Seat 8, succeeding Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng), 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, 2027.

Seat 9, succeeding Elahe Enssani, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Seat 10, succeeding Sara 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, 2027;

Seat 11, succeeding Lucia Obregon, 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, 2027.

05/05/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Aseel Fara; Celine Kennelly; Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng); Kudrat Kontilis; Laura Padilla; Lucia Obregon; Mario Paz; Samin Shaikh; Sarah Souza; Adoubou Traore; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jorge Rivas (Immigrant Rights Commission); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Hans How, seat 2, recommended.

Kudrat Kontilis, seat 3, recommended, residency requirement waived.

Aseel Fara, seat 4, recommended.

Laura Padilla, seat 5, recommended.

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

Celine Kennelly, seat 7, recommended.

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

Adoubou Traore, seat 9, recommended, residency requirement waived.

Sarah Souza, seat 10, recommended.

Lucia Obregon, seat 11, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Hans How, Kudrat Kontilis (residency requirement waived), Laura Padilla, Adoubou Traore (residency requirement waived), terms ending June 6, 2026, and Aseel Fara, Mario Paz (residency requirement waived), Celine Kennelly, Yu Pok Ng (Jose Ng), Sarah Souza and Lucia Obregon, terms ending June 6, 2027, to the Immigrant Rights Commission. (Rules Committee) Hans How, seat 2, succeeding Haregu Gaime, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Kudrat Kontilis (residency requirement waived), seat 3, succeeding herself, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Laura Padilla, seat 5, succeeding Marco Senghor, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Adoubou Traore (residency requirement waived), seat 9, succeeding Elahe Enssani, 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 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 6, 2026.

Aseel Fara, seat 4, succeeding herself, 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, 2027.

Mario Paz (residency requirement waived), seat 6, succeeding himself, 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, 2027.

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Sarah 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, 2027.

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, 2027.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. 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 10:28 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.*