



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, January 26, 2026

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, January 26, 2026, with Chair Shamann Walton presiding. Chair Walton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Walton, Vice Chair Sherrill and Member Mandelman 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

251245 [Charter Amendment - Lifetime Term Limits for Mayor and Members of the Board of Supervisors]

Sponsors: Mahmood; Melgar, Sherrill, Dorsey, Sauter and Wong

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to change the current two-term limits for the office of Mayor and the office of Member of the Board of Supervisors from consecutive term limits to lifetime term limits; at an election to be held on June 2, 2026.

12/16/25; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 1/15/2026.

12/29/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the Controller, the Mayor, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections and the Ethics Commiss pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4. Referred to the Planning Department for CEQA Determination.

01/07/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines

01/08/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. No cost to government.

Supervisor Bilal Mahmood (Board of Supervisors); Brad Russi (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Andriana Zhang; Russ Fitzgerald; Ruth Ferguson; Mr. Rusouth; Kudrat Kontillis; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be AMENDED to apply term limits to all elected officers in San Francisco. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 1 - Walton

Noes: 2 - Sherrill, Mandelman

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Charter Amendment be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Sherrill, Mandelman

Noes: 1 - Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:37 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.