



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Government Audit and Oversight Committee**

City Hall  
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*Members: Dean Preston, Catherine Stefani, Connie Chan*

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

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**Regular Meeting**

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**Present:** 4 - Dean Preston, Catherine Stefani, Connie Chan, and Ahsha Safai

*The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met in regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2024, with Chair Dean Preston presiding. Chair Preston called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.*

## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Preston, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Chan were noted present. A quorum of the committee was present*

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Monique Crayton, Government, Audit and Oversight 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 ([monique.crayton@sfgov.org](mailto:monique.crayton@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

**211318 [Hearing - Dream Keepers Initiative]****Sponsor: Walton**

Hearing on the resources allocated for the Dream Keepers Initiative, specifically on which programs have been funded by the allocated \$120,000,000 and assessing other needs that the Dream Keepers Initiative can support; requesting the Human Rights Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Department of Children Youth and their Families, Arts Commission, Department of Public Health, Office of Early Care and Education, Fire Department, and Department of Human Resources to report.

12/14/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

12/21/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Human Rights Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Department of Children Youth and their Families, Arts Commission, Department of Public Health, Office of Early Care and Education, Fire Department, and Department of Human Resources for informational purposes.

04/21/22; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Shamann Walton (Board of Supervisors); Director Sheryl Davis and Dr. Saidah Leatutufu-Burch (Human Rights Commission); Kate Sofis and Speaker (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Dr. Grant Colfax, Director (Department of Public Health); Captain Julie Mau (Fire Department); Eric Shaw, Director (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Aumijo Gomes (Department of Children, Youth and Families); Joanne Lee (Arts Commission); Ingrid Mezquita, Director (Office of Early Care and Education); Mawuli Tugbenyoh and Porsche Bunton (Department of Human Resources); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Shevon Hunter; Renald Grow; Thomas Roberts Williams; W. Consel; Speaker; Speaker; Francisco Da Costa; Speaker; Dianna Gray; Speaker; Speaker; Madelene Howe; Brandi Smith; Speaker; Ms. Marshall; Ashley Smiley; Ms. Jones; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

10/05/22; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Walton requested this matter remain active for an additional six months until April 30, 2023.

04/05/23; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Walton requested this matter remain active for an additional six months until October 5 2023.

11/08/23; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Walton requested this matter remain active for an additional six months until May 8, 2024.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Shamman Walton (Board of Supervisors); Sheryl Davis, Executive Director, Samuel Thomas, Dr. Saidah Leatutufu-Burch (Human Rights Commission); Dan Adams, Maria Benjamin (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Rashaad Bess (Curry Senior Center); Alejandro Taylor, Jose Hernandez, Anthony Thompson, Colin (Hope SF); Patsy Tito (Samoan Community Development Center); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Ms. James; William Rhodes, Brianna Castilles; Jessica Bailey; Mika Hensen (From the Heart); Rev. Carolyn Ransom-Scott; Darlene Roberts (Fillmore Jazz); Virginia Marshall; Speaker; Cameron Smith (Homeless Children's Network); Marcella Hunter; Tanisha Miller; Speaker; Acquail Gilton; Lanette Mackey; James; Speaker (Booker T. Washington Community Service Center); Haley Neilsen (Farming Hope); Renard Monroe (Youth 1st); Alicia Mayo (Clari T Media); John Henry; Jashae Jones; Niqua; Greg Ledbetter; Carlo Gomez Arteaga (The Transgender District); Juliet Yonek (UCSF Psychiatry); Toni Hines; Christine Farris; Waylin Drummond; Monia Wilson; Jenn (Love Never Fails); Speaker; John (Salt); Speaker (Salt); Mary Ellen Thomas; Effrage Rutherford (Get Wet Entertainment); Loranda Smith; Andrea Baker; Corenthia Maples; Valerie Tulier-Laiwa (Latino Taskforce); Luna Robledo (SF CASA); Elisha Rochelle (Captured Moments); Franklin McCray; Mary Rivers; Mr. Ross; Joi Morgan (3rd St. Youth Center and Clinic); April Spears-Mays (SF African-American Arts and Cultural District); Shakirah Simley (Booker T. Washington Community Service Center); Felicia Thibodeaux; Delia Fitzpatrick; Felecia Jones; David Elliott Lewis; Mary Anne Jones (Westside Commuity Services); Speaker; Jordan Davis; Mr. Jenkins; Speaker; shared*

*various concerns regarding the hearing matter.*

**Chair Preston moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Preston, Stefani, Chan

*Chair Preston recessed the meeting at 1:10 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:32 p.m.*

*Vice Chair Stefani was noted not present at 1:32 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.*

## **Supervisor Stefani Excused from Attendance**

**Chair Preston moved that Supervisor Stefani be excused from the remainder of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting of April 18, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

### **240181 [Hearing - Delays in Disbursement of Funds to Fix Elevators in Single Room Occupancy Housing]**

**Sponsors: Preston; Safai, Peskin and Chan**

Hearing on the ongoing delays in the disbursement of funds to fix elevators in Single Room Occupancy housing; and requesting the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and Mayor's Office to report.

02/27/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

03/01/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the Mayor's Office for informational purposes.

03/27/24; TRANSFERRED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee. President Peskin transferred this Hearing from the Budget and Finance Committee to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Ahsha Safai (Board of Supervisors); Emily Cohen, Salvador Menjivar (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Tom Paulino (Mayor's Office); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Elliott Lewis; Hillary Brown; Roisin Isner (SF Tenants Union); Jordan Davis; Speaker; Denise Dorian (Senior and Disability Action); Ozzie Realm; Anoxfa Rama; Greg Hartman; Ryan Lang; Angela Johnson; Matt Russo (Elevator Constructors, Local 8); shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.*

**Chair Preston moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

President Aaron Peskin appointed Supervisor Safai, in place of Supervisor Stefani, to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee for the regular meeting of April 18, 2024, for File No. 231204.

### **231204 [Hearing - SFHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program]**

#### **Sponsors: Safai; Walton**

Hearing to discuss the San Francisco Housing Authority's (SFHA) Housing Choice Voucher Program, the decision to contract out that program to a third-party organization, the breach of contract between the third-party organization and the SFHA, and the impact of that breach of contract to the City's housing programs, low-income residents, and City budget; and requesting the SFHA, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and Controller's Office to report.

11/14/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

11/21/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the SF Housing Authority, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of the Controller for informational purposes and requesting the departments to report.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Dr. Tonia Lediju, CEO (SF Housing Authority); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Elliott Lewis; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.*

**Chair Preston moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Preston, Chan, Safai

Excused: 1 - Stefani

### **240007 [Military Equipment Use Policy and Additional Equipment Approval - Annual Report]**

Resolution accepting the Sheriff Office's Military Equipment Use Policy 2023 Annual Report and Inventory and approving request for purchase and use of additional equipment, consistent with the criteria set forth in state law. (Sheriff)

12/13/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

01/09/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Alejandro Cabebe, Rani Singh (SF Sheriff's Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

## LITIGATION

Chair Preston requested File Nos. 240220, 240221, 240224, 240225, 240251, 240252, 240282, 240283, and 240284 be called together.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): None.

### **Conference with City Attorney**

*[Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant]*

*Motion that the Government Audit and Oversight Committee of the Board of Supervisors convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing litigation and anticipated litigation. Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) permit this closed session.*

*Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits and claims listed below.*

Chair Preston elected not to convene in Closed Session.

#### **240220 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Aidan Gauper and Cory Maryott - \$800,000]**

Ordinance authorizing a partial settlement of the lawsuit filed by Aidan Gauper and Cory Maryott against the City and County of San Francisco for \$800,000; the lawsuit was filed on April 10, 2023, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-23-605730; entitled Ralph Bower, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury on a City street. (City Attorney)

03/07/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/19/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

#### **240221 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Patrick Marks - \$55,000]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Patrick Marks against the City and County of San Francisco for \$55,000; the lawsuit was filed on May 19, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-599713; entitled Patrick Marks v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

03/07/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/19/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240224 [Settlement of Unlitigated Claims - Sky Cache, Inc. - \$36,352.50]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claims filed by Sky Cache, Inc. against the City and County of San Francisco for \$36,352.50; the claims were filed on April 28, 2023; the claims involve a refund of gross receipts and homelessness gross receipts taxes. (City Attorney)

03/06/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/19/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240225 [Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Sonic Telecom, LLC - \$36,329.54]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Sonic Telecom, LLC against the City and County of San Francisco for \$36,329.54; the claim was filed on September 7, 2022; the claim involves a refund of gross receipts taxes. (City Attorney)

03/06/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/19/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240251 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Ralph Harris - \$400,000]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Ralph Harris against the City and County of San Francisco for \$400,000; the lawsuit was filed on November 4, 2021, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-21-596449; entitled Ralph Harris v. City of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury on a City sidewalk. (City Attorney)

03/13/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/26/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240252 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Debra M. Hoisch - \$157,500]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Debra M. Hoisch against the City and County of San Francisco for \$157,500; the lawsuit was filed on May 3, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-599474; entitled Debra M. Hoisch v. City and County of San Francisco; the lawsuit involves a trip and fall on a City Street. (City Attorney)

03/13/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

03/26/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240282 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Elijah Williams - \$37,500]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Elijah Williams against the City and County of San Francisco for \$37,500; the lawsuit was filed on June 28, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-22-600440; entitled Elijah Williams, a Minor, By And Through His Guardian Ad Litem Ann Precilla Luyon v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves an alleged personal injury caused by an alleged dangerous condition of public property. (City Attorney)

03/25/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/02/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240283 [Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - 333 Valencia Owner, L.L.C. - Storage Space and \$50,000 Rent Credit]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim by the City and County of San Francisco ("City") against 333 Valencia Owner, L.L.C. ("Landlord"), requiring Landlord to provide the City additional storage space and a rent credit of \$50,000; the claim involves a dispute between the City and Landlord about building systems located inside closets that limited the amount of space available for storage by the City. (City Attorney)

03/20/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/02/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**240284 [Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Mathias Salle - \$58,986]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Mathias Salle against the City and County of San Francisco for \$58,986; the claim was filed on March 6, 2023; the claim involves property damage arising from flooding alleged to be caused by a water main rupture. (City Attorney) 03/25/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/02/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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

Ayes: 2 - Preston, Chan

Excused: 1 - Stefani

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:36 p.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.*