



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

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Thursday, February 12, 2026

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Matt Dorsey, Bilal Mahmood, and Alan Wong

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2026, with Chair Matt Dorsey presiding. Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Dorsey, Vice Chair Mahmood, and Member Wong were noted present. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monique Crayton, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services 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) 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

260025 [Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses]

Sponsors: Mandelman; Dorsey

Ordinance amending the Police Code to delete Article 55 and thereby repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

01/06/26; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 2/5/2026.

01/13/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department for informational purposes.

01/13/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Small Business Commission for review and comment.

01/30/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Small Business Commission held a duly-noticed meeting on January 26, 2026, and recommended approval of the proposed legislation.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Melanie Mathewson (Office of Supervisor Rafael Mandelman); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Scott; Speaker; Speaker; shared various concerns relating to the ordinance matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

250993 [Hearing - Shelter Services and Operations - 711 Post Street]

Sponsor: Sauter

Hearing to receive information on options for shelter services and operations at 711 Post Street, and Urban Alchemy's progress towards compliance with the City's fiscal monitoring and contract monitoring requirements; and requesting the Department of Homelessness and Supporting Housing to report.

09/30/25; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

10/07/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Danny Sauter (Board of Supervisors); Emily Cohen (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Greg Penington; Annette Summers; Thomas; Andy Lang; Suzanne Crimmins; Scott Russell; Dawn Malaspina; Todd Bartaell; Barbara Swan; Allison; Mieke; Terri Levich; Speaker; Speaker; Elijah; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

260035 [Hearing - Widespread Power Outages Affecting San Francisco Neighborhoods]

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

Hearing to discuss the cause(s), escalation, response, and impacts of the widespread power outages that began on December 20, 2025, and which have disproportionately affected residents and small businesses in the Richmond, Sunset, Presidio, Civic Center, South of Market (SOMA), and other San Francisco neighborhoods, to understand how a localized substation incident escalated to affect nearly one-third of the City; to assess communication failures and gaps in emergency response protocols; to evaluate economic impacts on small businesses and hardships faced by seniors, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable residents; to discuss and understand the remedies, claims processes and support being provided to affected residents and businesses; and requesting the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to report.

01/06/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

01/13/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for informational purposes.

02/03/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Youth Commission for review and comment.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Sarah Yoell, Sumeet Singh, Vincent Davis (Pacific Gas and Electric Company); Bob Dean, (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers); Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director (Department of Emergency Management); Sean Kim (Geary Blvd Merchants Association); Daniel Ramirez (Sunset Merchants Association); Pat Rabbitt (Fire Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Edward Siu; Brad McMillian; Leon Chow; Speaker; Judy Lee; Vanessa; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; Emma; Debra Murphy; Speaker; Laura; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

Chair Dorsey requested File Nos. 260030 and 260031 be called together.

260030 [Re-Affirming City Support to Acquire PG&E Assets]

Sponsors: Chan; Dorsey, Sauter, Walton, Chen and Fielder

Resolution re-affirming the City's continued efforts to acquire the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) assets necessary to provide clean, green, and affordable electric power delivery and service in San Francisco and ensure system reliability, sustainability, and safety.

01/06/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Sarah Yoell, Jake Zigelman (Pacific Gas and Electric Company); Peter Leroe-Munoz; Hunter Stern; spoke on various concerns relating to the resolution matter.

Member Wong moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 7, Lines 12-16, by inserting 'FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms that no PG&E worker currently serving San Francisco's electric infrastructure should be displaced or suffer a reduction in wages, benefits, or retirement security as a result of any City acquisition of PG&E assets, and that the City shall prioritize the seamless transition of such workers into City employment with full recognition of their skills, experience, and years of service; and, be it'; and by making clerical changes throughout the resolution text. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

Supervisor Wong moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

260031 [Accountability for PG&E's Outages]

Sponsors: Chan; Dorsey, Sauter, Walton, Chen and Fielder

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom to halt the issuance of a Safety Certificate until Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is held accountable for its actions.

01/06/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Sarah Yoell, Jake Zigelman (Pacific Gas and Electric Company); Peter Leroe-Munoz; Hunter Stern; spoke on various concerns relating to the resolution matter.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 1, to read 'Accountability for PG&E's Outages'; Page 1, Lines 3-4, to read 'Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to hold PG&E accountable for its actions'; on Page 1, Line 9, by inserting 'On December 20, 2025'; on Page 1, Lines 15-18, by striking ' WHEREAS, In 2017, while PG&E was placed on a five year felony probation following the deadly 2010 San Bruno explosion, requiring safety reforms to rehabilitate the utility, PG&E was blamed for more than 30 wildfires that wiped out more than 23,000 homes and businesses, devastated XXX acres, and killed more than 100 people; and'; on Page 1, Line 24, through Page 2, Line 8, by striking 'WHEREAS, On July 12, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed State Assembly Bill 1054 (2019), authored by Assembly Member Chris Holden, which was enacted to reduce utility-ignited wildfire investments through mandated utility safety reforms, to protect utility customers from rate increases, and required electrical corporations to seek a Safety Certificate, which requires the corporation must have an approved wildfire mitigation plan and that the corporation is in good standing by implementing the findings of its most recent safety culture assessment; and WHEREAS, A Safety Certification is valid for the 12 consecutive months and all electrical corporations must renew its Safety Certificate for the following 12 months 30 days prior to the expiration of a certification; and'; on Page 1, Lines 19-22, to read 'WHEREAS, PG&E's failure to maintain and update its equipment causing devastating wildfires including the 2018 Camp Fire, the 2019 Kincade Fire, 2020 Zogg Fire, 2021 Dixie Fire, resulted in the company being charged with civic and criminal actions from these fires; and'; on Page 2, Line 17, through Page 3, Line 9, by striking ' WHEREAS, On July 1, 2020, Governor Newsom signed State Senate Bill 350 (2020), authored by State Senator Jerry Hill, which created Golden State Energy, a non-profit public benefit corporation to acquire PG&E if the company failed to emerge from bankruptcy or have its California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued license revoked by failing to operate its gas and electricity services in a safe and reliable manner; and WHEREAS, On January 22, 2022, Despite PG&E being found responsible for the 2021 Dixie Fire, which burned over 963,000 acres and is recorded as the largest single wildfire in California history, the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety quietly approved the company's Safety Certification; and WHEREAS, In the California State Auditor Report published in March 2022: "Electrical System Safety - California's Oversight of the Efforts by Investor-Owned Utilities to Mitigate the Risk of Wildfires Needs Improvement", Acting California State Auditor Michael Tilden found that the Energy Safety Office's mitigation plan approval process and the CPUC's audit process do not hold utilities sufficiently accountable; and WHEREAS, On July 19, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution number 326-44, which urged Governor Gavin Newsom to halt the issuance of a Safety Certificate to PG&E until the corporation is held accountable for its actions; and'; on Page 2, Lines 15-17, by inserting 'WHEREAS, During winter storms in 2023, the failure of PG&E equipment caused multiple long-duration outages impacting San Francisco customers throughout the City, worsened by inaccurate or absent communications from PG&E; and'; on Page 2, Lines 18-25, to read 'WHEREAS, PG&E's ongoing, preventable disasters failure to upgrade and improve its infrastructure, and failure to communicate effectively with customers and local governments regarding outages and other disasters demonstrate the company cannot deliver electricity to its customers in a safe, reliable, affordable manner; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Governor and the CPUC to hold PG&E accountable for its responsibility to maintain its equipment and infrastructure needed to provide the safe and reliable service that its customers pay for; and, be it'; on Page 4, Lines 9-12, by striking 'FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Governor to halt the issuance of safety certificate in 2026 and activate a study of Golden State Energy given repeated serious failures of PG&E to operate its gas and electricity services in a safe and reliable manner; and, be it'; and by making conforming and clerical changes throughout the resolution text. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to hold PG&E accountable for its actions.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Mahmood, Wong

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 2:14 p.m.

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