

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - 12:00 PM

Legislative Chamber, Room 250  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

### Inaugural Meeting

VALLIE BROWN, SANDRA LEE FEWER, MATT HANEY, RAFAEL MANDELMAN,  
GORDON MAR, AARON PESKIN, HILLARY RONEN, AHSHA SAFAI, CATHERINE STEFANI,  
SHAMANN WALTON, NORMAN YEE

*Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board*

### BOARD COMMITTEES

#### Committee Membership

**Budget and Finance Committee**  
Supervisors Fewer, Stefani

**Budget and Finance Federal Select Committee**  
Supervisors Fewer

**Government Audit and Oversight Committee**  
Supervisors Brown, Peskin

**Land Use and Transportation Committee**  
Supervisors Safai

**Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee**  
Supervisors Mandelman, Ronen, Peskin

**Rules Committee**  
Supervisors Safai, Yee, Stefani

#### Meeting Days

Thursday  
10:00 AM

2nd and 4th Thursday  
1:15 PM

1st and 3rd Wednesday  
10:00 AM

Monday  
1:30 PM

2nd and 4th Wednesday  
10:00 AM

1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday  
10:00 AM

First-named Supervisor is Chair, Second-named Supervisor is Vice-Chair of the Committee.

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**Members Present:** Vallie Brown, Sandra Lee Fewer, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai, Catherine Stefani, Shamann Walton, and Norman Yee

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*The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco met for the inaugural session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Clerk of the Board Angela Calvillo called the meeting to order pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rules of Order, Rule 4.7.*

## **ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Clerk of the Board Angela Calvillo, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. On the call of the roll, Supervisor Safai was noted not present. There was a quorum.*

*Supervisor Safai was noted present at 12:03 p.m.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

*Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, informed the Board of Supervisors that she was in receipt of a communication from John Arntz, Director of Elections, certifying the candidates for the Office of the Members of the Board of Supervisors who received a plurality of votes cast at the election held on November 6, 2018, and have been declared elected to that office, namely:*

*District 2 - Catherine Stefani  
District 4 - Gordon Mar  
District 6 - Matt Haney  
District 8 - Rafael Mandelman  
District 10 - Shamann Walton*

*Finally, Clerk Calvillo, informed the Board Members that she had received a communication from the Controller confirming that certification of surety bond requirements were established for all newly elected Board Members, pursuant to Administrative Code, Article IX, Sections 16.122(a-e) and 16.126(b).*

## **OATH OF OFFICE - MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Clerk Calvillo introduced the Honorable Garrett L. Wong, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, a fourth generation San Franciscan who grew up ten blocks from City Hall. Judge Wong requested the newly elected Board Members to stand; whereupon Judge Wong administered the oath of office.*

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Clerk Calvillo provided the nominating principles, as follows:

- Members may nominate one individual, either themselves or another Member;
- Nominees shall state on the record if they accept the nomination;
- Nominees do not need to vacate the Chamber;
- Nominees may withdraw their own nomination without a second at any time;
- At completion of nominations, the nominations are closed;
- The Board may adopt a motion to reopen nominations with a majority vote; and
- If nominations are reopened, those Members who have not nominated may do so, or a Member may withdraw their previous nomination and nominate a different Member.

Supervisor Fewer nominated Supervisor Yee.

Supervisor Haney nominated Supervisor Ronen.

Clerk Calvillo asked if there were any further nominations. There being no response, the nominations for the Office of the President of the Board of Supervisors were then closed.

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Laurel Niece; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Susan Solomon; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Jordan Davis; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Mabel Maldonado; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Estella Garcia; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Anak Sulman; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Alice Ma; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Paul Mooke; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Ken Ortiz; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
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Christopher Christensen; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Anna Flores; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Janice Garcia; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Miguel Mendoza; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Jay Speirs; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Bahlam Vigil; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Alex Birch Shorter; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Maria Basera; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Mara Salas; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Monica Latinas; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Maria Mendez; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Cali Wong; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Sara Wong; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Rana Gonzalez; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Maya Chucata; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Mana Alvaro; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.

Patricia Hernandez; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
McKenzie Huey; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Sonya Strauss; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Anna Herrera; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Tom Hale; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
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Maline Ahern; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Tiffany Tomell; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Mateo Hernandez; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Adrian Hernandez; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Gabriel Medina; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Jack Rice; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Asana Rojas; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Nina Parks; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Anastasia Powers; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Gayle Rudolph; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Jane Martin; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
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Mary Mendoza; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Thea Selby; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Lane Bohee; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Laurice Penmenchelli; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Carlos Negra; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Phil Chin; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Jenny Worley; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Ken Chang; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Lucille; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
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Gladys Barcia; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Diana Besula; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Father Richardson; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
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Sara Skelbay; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Maria Bustori; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Junebug; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Henry Morales; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Roberto; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Richard Dao; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
James Lim; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Maria Angeles; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Rosario Cervantes; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Eric Elway; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Bob Baget; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Debra Benedict; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Laura Lederman; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Dennis Moscone; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Felicia Smith; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.

Magic; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Cathy Bierman; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Kathy Lipscomb; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Elio; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Amy; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Sherman Tang; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Speaker; shared various concerns.  
Kiely Hosmon; congratulated the new Board Members and relayed the Youth Commission's excitement to begin working with them.  
Chris Durazo; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Sala-Haqueenyah Chandler; congratulated Supervisor Walton and spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Ace Washington; congratulated the new Members and encouraged the Board to work together.  
Speaker; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Joe Wilson; expressed the importance of the selection of the new President.  
Brooke Oliver; spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.  
Wilson Chu; spoke in support of Supervisor Yee for President of the Board.  
Wynship W. Hillier; shared various concerns and thoughts with the Board.  
Bevan Duffy, President of BART Board of Directors; expressed his gratitude to the Members for their hard work serving on the Board, and spoke in support of Supervisor Ronen for President of the Board.

## ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Supervisor Yee accepted the nomination.*

*Supervisor Ronen accepted the nomination.*

*Discussion on the nominations ensued amongst the Members of the Board.*

*Clerk Calvillo provided some of the principles for the election of the President of the Board of Supervisors, as follows:*

- Voting shall occur in alphabetical order;*
- There are no abstentions or passes;*
- Members vote by stating their preference from among the nominees;*
- First Nominee to receive a majority vote will be the Board President;*
- Member with the least number of votes is not obligated to withdraw their name nor will they be automatically withdrawn from the ballot;*
- If no nominee receives a majority of the votes, we will proceed to the next round of voting;*
- If nominations are reopened, a Member has yet to nominate may do so and a Member who has already nominated may withdraw their previous nomination and nominate another Member.*

*The roll was called on the nominations of Supervisors Ronen and Yee.*

*Round 1 - Vote to select the President of the Board of Supervisors among the names in nomination were declared as follows:*

*Ronen: 4 - Haney, Mar, Ronen, Walton*

*Yee: 7 - Brown, Fewer, Mandelman, Peskin, Safai, Stefani, Yee*

*After receiving the affirmative vote from a majority of the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of the Board declared Norman Yee the President of the Board of Supervisors.*

*Supervisor Mar, seconded by Supervisor Peskin, moved to rescind the previous vote. The motion passed by the following vote:*

*Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton, Yee*

*Round 1 - Vote to elect Supervisor Yee as the President of the Board of Supervisors by acclamation, passed by the following vote:*

*Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Safai, Stefani, Walton, Yee*

*Noes: 1 - Ronen*

*PRESIDENT NORMAN YEE ASSUMED THE CHAIR*

## REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE HONORABLE LONDON N. BREED

*Mayor London N. Breed congratulated President Yee and all of the newly elected Members of the Board of Supervisors. Mayor Breed shared her desire to work with the Board on the many initiatives and policies to accomplish the goals of the voters of San Francisco.*

## REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*President Yee recognized the many elected officials and department heads in attendance for today's meeting.*

*President Yee called on each of the newly elected Members of the Board of Supervisors and afforded each an opportunity for brief remarks and introduction of family members and guests in attendance.*

## REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*President Yee thanked the other Members of the Board and shared his continued efforts and civic work in order to have the most positive impact on the lives of children and families in San Francisco. He shared his desire for the Board to work collectively and highlighted the accomplishments of each individual Member of the Board. He expressed his job as the President will be to build the bridges between the Members and ensure a smooth legislative process. The President then introduced his family members and guests in attendance and thanked them for their continued support.*

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Board adjourned at the hour 4:26 p.m.*

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

*Approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 12, 2019.*

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

