



City and County of
San Francisco
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Meeting Agenda

Members:

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Seat 3	Saul Sugarman	Seat 9	David Pilpel
Seat 4	Ankita Kumar	Seat 10	VACANT
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Wednesday, July 2, 2025

4:00 pm
Regular Meeting

City Hall, Room 408

NOTE: Hearings on Complaints will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. (see details below)

Remote Access and/or In-Person Participation

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and its committees convene hybrid meetings that allow in-person attendance, in-person public comment, remote access for petitioners and respondents, and remote public comment via teleconference (via Webex).

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Meeting Decorum: Any member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force may call for decorum due to the disorderly conduct of meeting participants. Persons who engage in threatening and/or menacing behavior may be asked to leave.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES**
2. **Approval of the minutes from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025.** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
3. **Approval of Orders of Determination:** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
 - **File No. 23092** Zach Karnazes v. Mayor's Office on Disability
 - **File No. 24022:** Paul Kniha v SFMTA (24-1943)
 - **File No. 24030** Paul Kniha v. SFMTA (24-2590)
 - **File No. 24036** Paul Kniha v. SFMTA (24-3297)
 - **File No. 24060** Lou Barberini v. Police Commissioner Jesus Yanez
 - **File No. 24064** Matt Joseph v. CCSF Department of Building Inspection
 - **File No. 25029** Madison Alvarado v. San Francisco Police Department
4. **Report on Ethics Commission Show Cause Hearing:** Presentation and discussion of actions taken at the Ethics Commission's Show Case Hearing for SOTF File 24021 (Matthew Lotocki v. San Francisco Police Department). (*Discussion Only*)
5. **Hearing on Amendments to Ethics Commission Enforcement Regulations:** Discuss and consider taking action to provide feedback on the Ethics Commission staff's proposed amendments to their Enforcement Regulations. (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
6. **Administrator's Report.** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
 - Task Force and Committee tentative hearing schedule with potential adjustments
 - Complaints and Hearing Requests
 - Pending Petitions/Complaints
 - SOTF Member Attendance
 - Communications

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SPECIAL ORDER 5:00 P.M.**Public Comment, Consent Agenda, and Complaint Hearings Agenda**

(Note: Public Comment, Consent Agenda, and hearings on Complaints listed below will begin at 5:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.)

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public may address the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) on matters that are within SOTF's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. *(No Action)*

CONSENT AGENDA – Items 8 and 9

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall review **File Nos. 25021 and 25041** to affirm the Committee's findings regarding the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force's jurisdiction; violations of the Sunshine Ordinance, Brown Act, or California Public Records Act; and, if applicable, to issue an Order of Determination and refer matters to a Committee for monitoring. The Complainant and Respondent are *not required to attend the July 2, 2025 Sunshine Ordinance Task Force meeting* but may attend to provide testimony during the public comment period for this item related to the determinations listed below. *(Discussion and Action)*

8. **File No. 25021:** Complaint filed by Stacy Smith against the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco Police Department, and 911 Communications for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. *(attachments)*

(On 6/17/2025, the Complaint Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the Task Force Consent Agenda with a finding of no violation by the San Francisco Public Library, and a finding that the San Francisco Police Department violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request received in December 2024 and responded to in April 2025. The Committee finds no violation by 911 Communications/DEM and further recommends that Petitioner follow up with the Police Department and DEM regarding records requests.)

9. **File No. 25041:** Complaint filed by Anmarie against Paria Dea and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.5, for failing to hold open and public meetings, 67.10(b) for meeting in closed session on a non-permitted topic, and 67.11 for failing to state the statutory authority for the closed session. *(attachments)*

(On 6/17/2025, the Complaint Committee voted to place File 25041 on the Task Force Consent Calendar by stipulation of the parties that the Task Force consider finding that Respondents violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.5 for failure to hold open and public meetings, 67.10(b) for meeting in closed session on a non-permitted topic, and 67.11 for failing to state the statutory authority for the closed session.)

COMPLAINT HEARING AGENDA – Items 10 through 15

10. **File No. 24004:** Complaint filed by Zach Karnazes against the Mayor’s Office on Disability for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.7(b) for failing to provide a description that is sufficiently clear and specific to alert a person of average intelligence and education whose interests are affected by the item that he or she may have reason to attend the meeting or seek more information on that item. ([attachments](#))

(On 6/17/2025, the Complaint Committee found that these are public meetings under the jurisdiction of the Task Force and referred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration of a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.7 for failing to provide adequate description on the meeting calendar or 67.4 related to a failure to provide notice passive meetings, and request that Respondent provide a link to where the meetings are located prior to the Task Force Meeting.)

- a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

(The Chair intends to call Items #11 and #12 together.)

11. **File No. 23020:** Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. ([attachments](#))

12. **File No. 23036:** Complaint filed by Paul Khina against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a request for records in a timely and/or complete manner. ([attachments](#))

(On 3/6/2024, File Nos. 23020 and 23036 were called and heard together. The Task Force found a violation of 67.27 by withholding records without justification and referred the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee if Mr. Kniha informs the Task Force Administrator within five business days that he has not received the records.

On 10/31/2024, Mr. Kniha notified the Task Force that 5 business days had passed, and he had not received any documents from the SFMTA.

On 4/22/2025, File Nos. 23020 and 23036 were called and heard together by the Compliance and Amendments Committee, who referred the matters to the full Task Force saying that Respondent had not produced the records or appeared before the Compliance and Amendments Committee.)

- a) Hearing on the status of the complaints (File Nos. 23020 and 23036) and consideration of enforcement action (*Discussion and Action*)

13. **File No. 25028:** Complaint filed Anmarie against the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.5 by failing to hold open meetings, 67.7 by failing to post an agenda, 67.15 by failing to allow public testimony, and 67.16 by failing to record and post minutes of regular and special meetings of the board or commission. ([attachments](#))
(On May 20, 2025, the Complaint Committee referred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration of whether there is a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21 for failing to produce public records.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)
14. **File No. 25034:** Complaint filed by Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez against the Office of the Mayor for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. ([attachments](#))
(On 6/17/2025, the Complaint Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the full Task Force to consider a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)
15. **File No. 25039:** Complaint filed by Eric Roussel against the Capital Planning Committee (San Francisco Planning Department) for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. ([attachments](#))
(On 6/17/2025, the Complaint Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration if a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Sec. 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner, whether names were improperly redacted on this document, and whether there are further documents to be produced.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint (*Discussion and Action*)
16. **Hearing on Board of Supervisors File No. 250630 and City Reporting Requirements:** Discuss and consider taking action to provide feedback on a proposed ordinance amending the Administrative, Environment, Health, Labor and Employment, Park, Planning, Police, Public Works, Subdivision, Transportation, and Building Inspection Commission Codes to modify various reporting requirements. (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
17. **Hearing on Sunshine Ordinance Amendments:** Discussion regarding amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance and potential action to guide the related work of the Compliance and Amendments Committee. (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))

18. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.** *(Discussion and Action)*

(Note: Public Comment on this item is limited to subject matters presented by members of the SOTF.)

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was established by the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67. The purpose of the Task Force is to protect the public's interest in open government and to carry out the duties enumerated in Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. For additional information concerning Sunshine Ordinance Task Force please contact the Task Force by e-mail sotf@sfgov.org or by calling (415) 554-7724.

Agenda Item Information

Each item on the agenda may include the following documents:

- 1) Department or Agency cover letter and/or report;
- 2) Public correspondence;
- 3) Other explanatory documents.

These items will be available for review at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, Reception Desk.

Meeting Procedures

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| 1. | Complainant presents his/her facts and evidence | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of Complainant present facts and evidence | Up to 3 minutes each |
| 2. | City responds | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of City respond | Up to 3 minutes each |
| | <i>Above total speaking times for Complainant and City to be the same.</i> | |
| 3. | Matter is with the Task Force for discussion and questions. | |
| 4. | Respondent and Complainant presents clarification/rebuttal | 3 minutes |
| 5. | Matter is with the Task Force for motion and deliberation. | |
| 6. | Public comment (Excluding Complainant & City response, witnesses) | Up to 3 minutes each |
| 7. | Vote by Task Force (Public comment at discretion of chair on new motion and/or on new motion if vote fails.) | |

Public Comment will be taken before or during the Committee's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Task Force for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment, members of the public may address the Task Force on matters that are within the Task Force's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Any person speaking during a public comment period may supply a brief written summary of their comments, which shall, if no more than 150 words, be included in the official file.

Each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the Chair at the beginning of each item, excluding persons requested by the Task Force to make presentations, except that public speakers using interpretation assistance will be allowed to testify for twice the amount of the public testimony time limit. If simultaneous interpretation services are used, speakers will be governed by the public testimony time limit applied to speakers not requesting interpretation assistance.

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