



City and County of San Francisco

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

City Hall
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Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Seat 1	Dean Schmidt	Seat 7	Matthew Yankee - Chair
Seat 2	Lila LaHood	Seat 8	Chris Hyland
Seat 3	Saul Sugarman	Seat 9	David Pilpel
Seat 4	Ankita Kumar	Seat 10	Joe Sangirardi
Seat 5	Maxine Anderson	Seat 11	Bruce Wolfe
Seat 6	Laura Stein - Vice-Chair		
Ex-officio	<i>(non-voting)</i> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or their designee		
Ex-officio	<i>(non-voting)</i> Michael Adams, Mayor's designee		

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

4:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

City Hall, Room 408

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES (00:01:17)**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. On the call of the roll, Chair Yankee, and Members Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Pilpel, and Wolfe were noted present. Vice-Chair Stein and Members Sangirardi and Kumar were noted not present. Deputy City Attorney Mary Kamikihara was noted present. Ex-officio Member Adams was noted present. Administrator Victor Young was noted present. There was a quorum.

Public Comment: None

2. **Approval of the April 1, 2026 Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular meeting minutes. (00:03:55)**

The SOTF discussed the draft minutes.

Action: Moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Hyland, to approve the April 1, 2026 minutes.

Public Comment: None.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Anderson, Hyland, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Wolfe, Yankee

Noes: 1 - Pilpel

Absent: 3 - Kumar, Sangirardi, Stein

Vice Chair Stein and Member Kumar noted present at 4:13 p.m.

3. **Approval of Orders of Determination (00:06:15)**

- **File No. 25033** Joudere Gaines against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
- **File No. 25090** HVSafe against Supervisor Bilal Mahmood
- **File No. 25091** HVSafe against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
- **File No. 26013** Chris Cugliari against the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
- **File No. 26019** Minh Cantarutti against the Department of Emergency Management
- **File No. 26021** Grant Ingram against the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
- **File No. 26024** Michael Petrelis against Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
- **File No. 26026** Stiliyan Bezhanski against the Office of the Assessor-Recorder

Action: Moved by Member Pilpel, seconded by Member LaHood, to approve the Orders of Determination as amended.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Pilpel, LaHood, Schmidt, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Wolfe, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Sangirardi

4. **Election of Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Officers pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws. (00:16:24)**

Action: Moved by Member Hyland, seconded by Member Anderson, to nominate Member Yankee as Chair of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Public Comment: None.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 – Hyland, Anderson, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Pilpel, Wolfe, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Sangirardi

Action: Moved by Member LaHood, seconded by Member Kumar, to nominate Member Stein as Vice-Chair of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Public Comment: Minh Cantarutti commented on the nomination of Member Stein.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 – LaHood, Kumar, Schmidt, Sugarman, Anderson, Hyland, Pilpel, Wolfe, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Sangirardi

Member Sangirardi was noted present at 4:34 p.m.

5. **Proposed Amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force By-Laws related to Article IV, Section 11 – Hearing Procedures for Complaints. (00:23:57)**

The SOTF discussed the proposed amendments to their By-Laws. The SOTF inquired/requested that a countdown clock be visible in the entire room.

Action: Moved by Member Schmidt, seconded by Member Sangirardi, to approve the By-Laws amendments.

Public Comment: None.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Schmidt, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Stein

Noes: 5 – Sangirardi, LaHood, Pilpel, Wolfe, Yankee

6. **Chair and Committee Reports:** Opportunity for the Chair and Committee Chairs to update the entire Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on their recent activities. The Chair's Report will include the topics listed below. (05:32:46)

SOTF Chair Yankee, Education, Outreach and Training Committee Chair Hyland, Compliance and Amendments Committee Chair LaHood, and Complaint Committee Chair Schmidt provided updates for discussion.

Public Comment: None

No action taken.

7. **Administrator's Report.** (05:48:57)

Administrator Petersen presented the Administrator's Report.

Public Comment: None.

No action taken.

8. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. (01:00:15)

Public Comment: None.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items 9 through 10 (01:02:18)

9. **File No. 26034:** Complaint filed by Lukas Illa against the San Francisco Sheriff's Office 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.
10. **File No. 26035:** Complaint filed by Grant Review against the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 and 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner.

Member Pilpel request amendments to the motions recommended by the Complaint Committee.

Action: Moved by Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Wolfe, to adopt the Consent Agenda (Items 9 and 10) and recommendations of the Committee(s) with clarifications.

Public Comment: Alison Lambert (Sherriff's Department) provided an update on document releases by the department and a progress statement.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 – Pilpel, Wolfe, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Sangirardi, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION – *Items 11 through 12*

11. **File No. 25033:** Complaint filed by Joudere Gaines against San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency 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. (01:09:24)

The members discussed the request for reconsideration to include Veteran’s Day in the determination of a timeliness violation and rescinding the prior motion.

A question-and-answer period occurred.

Action: Moved by Member LaHood, seconded by Member Sangirardi, to continue the matter to the call of the Chair pending discussion of how to account for holidays when calculating the 10-day compliance requirement found in Administrative Code Section 67.21(b).

Public Comment:

Caroline Celaya (Municipal Transportation Agency) presented the department reason for request for reconsideration.

Speaker stated that reconsideration is not appropriate.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Anderson, Hyland, Sangirardi, Wolfe

Noes: 4 – Kumar, Pilpel, Stein, Yankee

12. **File No. 25134:** Complaint filed by Minh Cantarutti against Homelessness and Supportive Housing 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. (01:33:49)

The SOTF discussed the matter.

A question-and-answer period occurred.

Action: Moved by Member Schimdt, seconded by Member Anderson, to grant the request for reconsideration.

Public Comment: Minh Cantarutti provided a summary of his position and stated that his request for reconsideration contained new information.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Schmidt, Anderson, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Sangirardi, Stein
Noes: 3 - Pilpel, Wolfe, Yankee

The meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

COMPLIANCE HEARINGS – Item 13

13. **File No. 24015:** Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s); 67.21 by failing to respond to a records request in a complete and/or timely manner. (01:59:33)

Administrator Petersen read into the record Respondent's request for continuance sent 4/28/2026.

Carolyn Celina, (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency), commented on the request for continuation.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Member Schimdt, seconded by Member Anderson, to continue the matter to the next SOTF meeting.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - Schmidt, Anderson, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Pilpel, Sangirardi, Wolfe, Stein, Yankee
Noes: 0 – None
Absent: 0 - None

COMPLAINT HEARING AGENDA (FROM COMMITTEE) – Items 14 through 15

14. **File No. 25094:** Complaint filed by HVSafe against Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25 for failure to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. (02:09:55)

HVSafe (Petitioner) presented their position and requested that the Task Force find violations.

William Macfie, Office of Supervisor Bilal Mahmood (Respondent) provided an overview of the department's position. Mr. Macfie stated that the request scope of documents was not immediately available and could not be processed as an Immediate Disclosure Request and instead responded within 10 days. Mr. Macfie stated that all available documents have been provided.

A question-and-answer period occurred. The parties were provided an opportunity for rebuttals.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Member Wolfe, seconded by Member Anderson, to find that the Office of Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, violated Administrative Code, Section(s) 67.25(d), by failing to provide public records on a rolling basis.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 – Wolfe, Anderson, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Pilpel, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 1 – Sangirardi

Absent: 0 - None

15. **File No. 26037:** Complaint filed by Grant Review against the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 and 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. (02:56:47)

HVSafe (Petitioner) presented their position and requested that the Task Force find violations.

The Respondent was not present at the hearing.

A question-and-answer period occurred. The parties were provided an opportunity for rebuttals.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Wolfe, to find that the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing violated Administrative Code, Section(s) 67.21(c) by failing to provide assistance and Section(s) 67.21(e) by failing to attend the Task Force hearing. The Task Force further refers the matter to committee for compliance, and orders the department to identify and provide any records having to do with program monitoring activities pursuant to the Controller's Policy on annual monitoring.

The Task Force requested the petitioner provide a copy of the Controller's Policy in question.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 – Pilpel, Wolfe, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Sangirardi, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 - None

The meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m. Member Anderson was noted present at 7:38 p.m.

NEW COMPLAINT HEARING AGENDA (NOT FROM COMMITTEE) – *Items 16 through 17*

16. **File No. 26029:** Complaint filed by Monica Georgopoulos against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency 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. (03:34:26)

Monica Georgopoulos (Petitioner) presented their position and requested that the Task Force find violations. Ms. Georgopoulos stated that the department acknowledged that the requested documents existed but were withheld. Ms. Georgopoulos stated the Department did not identify documents and why each document was withheld.

MJ Johnson, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (Respondent) provided an overview of the department's position. Ms. Johnson stated that a complaint was filed and an investigation was started. Ms. Johnson stated that while an investigation is in progress the requested records could not be provided. Ms. Johnson stated that the investigation is concluded and the SFMTA is working with the City Attorney to disclose the requested records.

A question-and-answer period occurred. The parties were provided an opportunity for rebuttals

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Member LaHood, seconded by Member Anderson, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction and that the requested records are public.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - LaHood, Anderson, Schmidt, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Pilpel, Sangirardi, Wolfe, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 0 - None

Public Comment:

Elias Georgopoulos stated that the department is retaliating by not providing requested records.

Carolyn Celaya (Municipal Transportation Agency) provided answers to previous questions from the Task Force. Ms. Celaya stated that Cal. Evid. Code, Sec. 1040 allowed for withholding records.

Action: Moved by Chair Yankee, seconded by Member Pilpel, to find that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency violated Administrative Code, Section(s) 67.21(b) by failing to provide public records in a timely and/or complete manner, and to find that Cal. Evid. Code, Section 1040 does not apply in this situation as a valid exception because the Respondent stated that the records in question would have been public prior to the start of the Equal Employment Opportunity investigation. The Task Force orders the disclosure of all requested records not otherwise exempt by attorney-client privilege or other legal exception and refers the matter to a committee for compliance.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 – Yankee, Pilpel, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Sangirardi, Wolfe, Stein

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 - None

Member Kumar was noted absent at 9:26 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.

17. **File No. 26051:** Complaint filed by Martha Eies against the Department of Emergency Management for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.27, by failing to provide written justification of withholdings. (04:40:07)

Martha Eies (Petitioner) presented their position and requested that the Task Force find violations. Ms. Eies stated that the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) withheld the location field in the requested documents and that the City Attorneys reason for withholding the records was not provided.

Jackie Thornhill, Department of Emergency Management (Respondent) provided an overview of the department's position. Ms. Thornhill stated DEM provided a complete response and provided justification for withholdings. Ms. Thornhill stated that raw caller and raw location data was withheld.

A question-and-answer period occurred. The parties were provided an opportunity for rebuttals

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Member Wolfe, seconded by Member Anderson, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction and that the requested records are public.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 – Wolfe, Anderson, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Pilpel, Sangirardi, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 - None

Public Comment: None.

Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Stein, seconded by Member Schmidt, to find that the Department of Emergency Management did not violate Administrative Code, Section 67.21, as providing the requested records would require the department to create new records.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Schmidt, Sugarman, Anderson, Sangirardi, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 4 – LaHood, Hyland, Pilpel, Wolfe

Absent: 1 - Kumar

18. **Hearing on Sunshine Ordinance Amendments:** Discussion and potential action regarding proposed amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance. (06:09:09)

The Task Force discussed proposed amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance.

Public Comment: None

No actions taken.

19. **Commission Streamlining Update:** Review any pending proposals related to the current Commission Streamlining process which may affect the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and potentially take action to communicate suggestions or concerns from the SOTF to the Board of Supervisors. (06:10:24)

The Task Force discussed proposed amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance.

Public Comment: None

No actions taken.

20. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.** (06:13:09)

None.

Public Comment: None.

21. **ADJOURNMENT** (06:13:25)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

N.b. the Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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