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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
 RATE FAIRNESS BOARD
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
 (Approved November 7, 2022)**

In-person Meeting: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tuolumne Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

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MEETING AGENDA

Materials Distributed: Regular Meeting Agenda for November 7, 2022; Adopt State Urgency Legislation 54953(e); Instate New Rate Fairness Board Member (Oath of Office); Draft Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11 and May 16, 2022; 2023 Water Wastewater Rate Study Kickoff presentation

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Member Name/Title	Appointed By
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Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer	Board of Supervisors
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Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
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Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
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Reese Isbell, Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office
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Trisha McMahon, Budget and Planning Manager	City Administrator
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Vacant, City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
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Vacant	Controller's Office
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The regular meeting of the Rate Fairness Board was called to order at 2:05 PM in-person and via teleconference.

Roll Call:

- Present: Chair Ash, Vice Chair Isbell, Member McMahon
- Excused: Member Trivedi

2. Adopt renewed findings under [State Urgency Legislation](#) to allow hybrid in-person meetings during the COVID-19 Emergency and direct the Rate Fairness Board Secretary to agendize a similar resolution at a Board Meeting within the next 30 days.

Roll-call Vote:

- Ayes: Chair Ash, Vice Chair Isbell, Member McMahon

Public Comment: None

3. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) on matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda.

Public Comment: None

4. Instate New Rate Fairness Board Member

Ken Hinton, Controller's Office Designee
(Instate to Board)

81 Chair Ash asked Controller's Office Designee Ken Hinton to read Oath of
82 Office, to be instated as a member of the Rate Fairness Board.

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84 Chair Ash asked Board Members, Secretary and SFPUC staff to provide
85 introductions.

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87 **5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11 and May 16, 2022**

88 (Discussion and Action)

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90 Approval of May 11 Meeting Minutes: Vice Chair Isbell addressed lines 137-
91 138, which implies that Vice Chair Isbell will coordinate with City Attorney to
92 discuss bylaws further. However, it should be noted that Vice Chair Isbell will
93 provide latest bylaws draft to RFB Secretary, for SFPUC staff to directly
94 coordinate review with City Attorney. Chair Ash asked Board for further edits
95 and comments, there were no further comments.

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97 Approval of May 16 Meeting Minutes: No edits or comments.

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99 Public Comments: none

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101 Vice Chair Isbell motioned to approve May 11, as amended, and May 16
102 minutes. Member McMahon seconded. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May
103 11, as amended, and May 16 were adopted unanimously.

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105 Roll Call Vote:

- 106 • Ayes: Chair Ash, Vice Chair Isbell, Member McMahon, Member Hinton

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108 **6. Report of the Chair**

109 **a. 2023 Water Wastewater Rate Study Kickoff**

110 Matthew Freiberg, SFPUC Project Manager

111 (Presentation and Discussion)

- 112 i. Introduction of the Rate Study Team
- 113 ii. Background on SFPUC Rates
- 114 iii. Project Goals
- 115 iv. Overview of the Rate Setting Process
- 116 v. Key Topics in this Rate Study
- 117 vi. Timeline
- 118 vii. Questions

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120 Matthew Freiberg, SFPUC Project Manager of Financial Planning, presented
121 the 2023 Water Wastewater Rate Study Kickoff. Presentation included the
122 following topics: background, project team, project goals, rate study process,
123 key rate study topics, and timeline. Discussion transpired throughout
124 presentation.

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126 Public Comment: none

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128 **7. Announcements, Comments, Questions**

129 (Discussion)

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131 *Chair Ash announced that the Commission approved the 2022 Power Rates*
132 *Study Rates Proposal: CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy proposed rates at the*
133 *May 24, 2022, Commission Meeting. Erin Corvinova, Acting Financial Planning*
134 *Director, specified one fiscal year (current FY23) of rates for CleanPowerSF*
135 *and in the Spring the Board will hear more about proposed FY24 rates for*
136 *CleanPowerSF, in addition to Water Wastewater rates.*

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138 *Vice Chair Isbell asked that Board follow-up on the bylaws discussion at the*
139 *next meeting, to move forward with process of City Attorney approval or*
140 *commentary, then to finalize. Vice Chair noted that latest draft of bylaws was*
141 *sent (5/31/22) to Board Secretary.*

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143 *Public Comment: none*

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145 **8. Adjournment**

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147 *Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM*

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149 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please
150 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at
151 yrodriguez@sfgwater.org. Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to ensure
152 availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are available on-
153 line at <https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board>.

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155 **Meeting Procedures:** Public Comment will be taken before or during the
156 Board's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Board
157 for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment,
158 members of the public may address the Board on matters that are within the
159 Board's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Procedures do not permit: 1)
160 persons in the audience to vocally express support or opposition to statements
161 by Board Member, by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell
162 phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) bringing in
163 or displaying signs in the meeting room; and 4) standing in the meeting room.
164 The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing
165 electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the
166 Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s)
167 responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-
168 producing electronic devices.

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171 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct
172 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted
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176 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett
177 Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone at (415) 554-7724; fax at
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179 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter
180 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at
181 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

182 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助/ Ayuda gratuita con el idioma
183 / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí /
184 Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援/ 무료 언어 / 지원 / ការ“មឌជ”
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186 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities
187 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action
188 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &
189 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying
190 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the
191 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San

192 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site
193 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

194 **Explanatory documents** that have been provided to the Board in connection
195 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at
196 [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
197 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).