



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

**Draft Minutes of Special Meeting
Friday, May 5, 2023, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
(Approved March 1, 2024)**

Members of the Rate Fairness Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person or remotely online will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. It is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment.

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: Special Meeting Agenda for May 5, 2023; Draft Special Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2023; Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on 2023 Water and Sewer Rates Study

1. Call to Order

The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called to order at 1:34 PM in-person and via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Member Name/Title

Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer
Trisha McMahon, Budget and Planning Manager
Ken Hinton, Budget and Revenue Analyst
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance
Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer
Vacant, City Retail Large Business Customer
Vacant, Residential City Retail Customer

Appointed By

Board of Supervisors
City Administrator
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Roll Call:

- Present: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi*

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: No public comment.

4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2023

(Discussion and Action)

Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns. There were no comments from the Board.

Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel had one suggested edit to the April 28, 2023, meeting minutes.

The minutes of the special meeting of April 28, 2023, were adopted, as amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member McMahon and seconded by Member Trivedi.

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi*

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79 **5. Items Initiated by Board Members**

80 **a. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco**
81 **Public Utilities Commission on 2023 Water and Sewer Rates**
82 **Study**

83 (Discussion and Possible Action)

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85 *Chair Ash asked for comments and edits on the draft slides of the*
86 *Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco Public*
87 *Utilities Commission on 2023 Water and Sewer Rates Study and*
88 *asked the Board for comments and edits. Member Trivedi asked for*
89 *further clarification on how the fund balance is factored into the*
90 *rates.*

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92 *Financial Planning Director, Erin Corvinova, answered questions*
93 *regarding reserve fund balances.*

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95 *Discussion continued between PUC staff and Board reviewing*
96 *Water and Sewer Rates Study presentation and Board*
97 *recommendation slides.*

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99 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel commented on editing of slides*
100 *and suggested a question for staff.*

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102 *The Rate Fairness Board Recommendation slides to San Francisco*
103 *Public Utilities Commission on 2023 Water and Sewer Rates Study,*
104 *was adopted, as amended, unanimously upon a motion by Member*
105 *McMahon and seconded by Member Trivedi.*

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107 *Roll Call Vote:*

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 - *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member Hinton, Member McMahon, Member*
- 109 *Trivedi*

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111 **b. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco**
112 **Public Utilities Commission on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hetch**
113 **Hetchy Power Rates for Tuolumne County**

114 (Discussion and Possible Action)

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116 *Chair Ash confirmed that the Board had covered this agenda item in*
117 *the previous section when reviewing the slides.*

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119 *Public Comment: No public comments.*

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122 **6. Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

123 (Discussion)

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125 *Staff updated the Board, informing them that updated language for*
126 *the agenda items for the May 9th meeting is now available on the*
127 *commission website.*

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129 *Board discussed timing of next meeting for later this year.*

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131 *Public Comment: Mr. David Pilpel thanked the Board and staff.*

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133 **7. Adjournment**

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135 *Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.*

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182 at www.sfgov.org/ethics.

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