



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

**Draft Minutes of Special Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(Approved _____)**

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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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39 **MEETING AGENDA**

40 *Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2025; Draft*
41 *Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025; "CPSF Draft Rates", "HHP*
42 *Draft Rates", "FY26 HHP Bill Comparison", "Review of Draft Capacity*
43 *Charge Updates" Presentation*
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45 **1. Call to Order**

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47 *The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called*
48 *to order at 10:05 AM in-person and via teleconference.*
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50 **2. Roll Call**
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Member Name/Title	Appointed By
Howard Ash, Chair, Residential City Retail Customer	Board of Supervisors
Masood Samereie, Vice Chair, City Retail Large Business Customer	Mayor's Office
Trisha McMahon, Budget and Planning Manager	City Administrator
Ben Becker, Refuse Rates Analyst	Controller's Office
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
Vacant, City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
Eric Dew, Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office

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53 *Roll Call:*

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 - *Present: Chair Ash, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi, Member Dew,*
- 55 *Member Becker*
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57 **3. General Public Comment**

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

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61 *Public Comment: No public comment*
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63 **4. Instate New Rate Fairness Board Members**

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 - Ben Becker, Controller Appointing Office (Instate to Board)
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66 Member Ben Becker reads "oath of office" and provides a brief introduction.

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68 *Public Comment: No public comment*
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70 **5. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025**
71 (Discussion and Action)

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73 *Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns.*
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75 *Member McMahon notes lines 66 and 67 and requests to correct response*
76 *to “abstain”.*

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78 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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80 *The minutes of the special meeting of February 25, 2025, were adopted*
81 *upon a motion by Member McMahon.*

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83 *Roll Call Vote:*

- 84 • *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi, Member Becker,*
85 *Member Dew*

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87 **6. Items Initiated by Board Members (Discussion and Possible Action)**

88 **a. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco**
89 **Public Utilities Commission on updates to CleanPowerSF Rate**
90 **Tariffs**

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92 Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, provides a refresher of the proposed
93 rates for CleanPowerSF. There are no proposed changes to rates.

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95 Members discuss announcements from PG&E on possible rate
96 changes. Erin Corvinova, Financial Planning Director, speaks on
97 common timing of PG&E rate changes throughout the year.

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99 Member Becker asks how volatile the electric purchase rates are.
100 Matthew Freiberg confirms the rates are volatile but have tempered in
101 the last year. Due to the volatility, staff includes a 30–35-million-dollar
102 contingency to the power purchase budget.

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104 Members discuss messaging for the recommendation letter to the
105 Commission. Members agree with the proposed CleanPowerSF rates
106 that remain unchanged.

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108 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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110 **b. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco**
111 **Public Utilities Commission on updates to Hetch Hetchy Power**
112 **Rate Tariffs**

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114 Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, provides a refresher of the proposed
115 rates for Hetch Hetchy Power. Staff proposes a 10% rate increase
116 across the board without an adjustment to rate structure or cost of
117 service allocation.

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119 Chair Ash asks when rates will reach cost of service. Matthew Freiberg
120 explains that customer tiers will reach cost of service rates on different
121 schedules. Some rates will reach cost of service in the next 5 years,
122 and others within the decade.

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Erin Corvinova, Financial Planning Director, discusses materials showing proposed rates, bill impacts and comparisons for current rates.

Members discuss messaging for the recommendation letter to the Commission. Members find rate increases similar to last year's proposals and understand that the increases are made with the goal to achieve cost of service rates. Members agree with the proposed Hetch Hetchy Power rates.

Public Comment: No public comment.

c. Review of Draft Capacity Charge Updates

Matthew Freiberg, Rates Manager, introduces presentation on updates to the capacity rates which fall under the miscellaneous fee category. Capacity charges are one-time charges that are added to new connections to the system or re-developments that require increased capacity. Updating capacity charges will provide greater equity among ratepayers.

Matthew Freiberg continues through presentation showing methodology for how capacity charges are calculated.

Public Comment: No public comment.

7. Announcements, Comments, Questions (Discussion)

Members agree on general sentiment of the rate recommendation letter to be presented at the April 8th Commission meeting. Chair Ash will write up the letter and send the letter to staff to be included in the presentation packet for the Commission meeting.

Public Comment: No public comment.

The selection of Chair Ash to prepare the Commission recommendation letter was designated upon a motion by Member Trivedi.

Roll Call Vote:

- *Ayes: Chair Ash, Member McMahon, Member Trivedi, Member Becker, Member Dew*

Staff expects to schedule the next Board meeting over the summer to discuss cost of service and rate design.

Member McMahon shares her resignation and announces Celeste Middleton as her replacement for City Administrator representative. The members thank Member McMahon for her service.

172 **8. Adjournment**

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174 *Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.*

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224 with this agenda are available for public inspection online at
225 [https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)
226 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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