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

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
 Monday, April 29, 2024, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 (Approved September 12, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Yosemite Conference Room, San Francisco, CA 94102

**Virtually Via Zoom:**

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 President

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 Vice President

**Newsha K. Ajami**  
 Commissioner

**Kate H. Stacy**  
 Commissioner

**Dennis J. Herrera**  
 General Manager



40 **MEETING AGENDA**

41 *Materials Distributed: Special Meeting Agenda for April 29, 2024; Draft Special*  
42 *Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024; Draft RFB Letter to SFPUC Commission*

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44 **1. Call to Order**

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46 *The special meeting of the SFPUC Rate Fairness Board (RFB) was called*  
47 *to order at 2:01 PM in-person and via teleconference.*

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49 **2. Roll Call**

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<b>Member Name/Title</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>
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
Calvin Quock, Budget and Revenue Analyst	Controller's Office
Vishal Trivedi, Financial Analyst of Office of Public Finance	Controller's Office
<i>Vacant</i> , City Retail Small Business Customer	Board of Supervisors
Eric Dew, Residential City Retail Customer	Mayor's Office

51 *Roll Call:*

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

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54 **3. General Public Comment**

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

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58 *Public Comment: No public comment*

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60 **4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024**

61 (Discussion and Action)

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63 *Chair Ash asked Board for comments, questions, or concerns. Member*  
64 *McMahon notes misspelling of "NEM" on line 102 to be corrected.*

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66 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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68 *The minutes of the special meeting of April 10, 2024, were adopted as*  
69 *amended upon a motion by Member McMahon and seconded by Member*  
70 *Trivedi.*

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72 *Roll Call Vote:*

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

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**5. Items Initiated by Board Members**

- a. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on updates to CleanPowerSF Rate Tariffs (Discussion and Possible Action)
- b. Rate Fairness Board Recommendations to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on updates to Hetch Hetchy Power Rate Tariffs (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Ash asks for comments and edits from staff and members on the draft letter created to be shared in the upcoming May 14<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

Member Trivedi comments on bullet 5 and suggests changing wording to emphasize that CleanPowerSF rates are projected to remain lower than equivalent PG&E rates.

Members Trivedi and McMahon thank Chair Ash for creating a thoughtful letter.

Member McMahon suggests including references to Hetch Hetchy Power updates. Chair Ash will add bullet 6 with language on proposed Hetch Hetchy rates.

Chair Ash reads the letter with proposed edits to the board, additional discussion and edits continue.

Member Dew suggests accompanying increased rates with marketing to promote methods for conserving energy to help customers control their bill.

Board members agree for Chair Ash to share final amended letter with Member Dew for a last review before submission to be added to the Commission meeting materials.

*The Rate Fairness Board letter with recommendations to the Commission, was adopted as amended upon a motion by Member Trivedi and seconded by Member Dew.*

*Public Comment: No public comment.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**6. Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items (Discussion)**

125 Members and staff discuss timeline of upcoming rate matters. Staff expects  
126 to call for a board meeting in the fall to hear updates of the rate study and  
127 in the spring for the one-year update.

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129 Chair Ash requests to include water and sewer updates and an overview in  
130 future meeting agendas for new members to hear and as a refresher for the  
131 board.

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133 Chair Ash confirms that he will finalize the letter and send for submission  
134 for the May 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

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136 *Public Comment: No public comment.*

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138 **7. Adjournment**

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140 *Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.*

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142 **Accessible Meeting Policy:** To obtain meeting materials in alternative format, please  
143 contact the Rate Fairness Board Secretary at 415-487-5254 or via email at  
144 [RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org](mailto:RateFairnessBoard@sfwater.org). Providing at least 72 hours notice will help to  
145 ensure availability. Written reports or background materials for calendar items are  
146 available on-line at [http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-](http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/divisions-and-units/board)  
147 [units/board- https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board)  
148 [board](https://sfpuc.org/about-us/boards-commissions-committees/rate-fairness-board).

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

164 **Know your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance:** Government's duty is to  
165 serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions,  
166 boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct  
167 the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted  
168 before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For  
169 information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the  
170 San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance,  
171 contact by mail Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett  
172 Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone at (415) 554-7724; fax at  
173 (415) 554-7854; or by e-mail at [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org).

174 Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter  
175 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at  
176 <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

177 **311 Free Language Assistance:** 免費語言協助/ Ayuda gratuita con el idioma  
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181 **Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements:** Individuals and entities  
182 that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action  
183 may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign &  
184 Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying  
185 activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the

186 San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San  
187 Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site  
188 at [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://www.sfgov.org/ethics).

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

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