



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD SECRETARY

Thursday, June 4, 2020

MINUTES
2:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE
Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Caroline Celaya
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Borden at 2:38 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a review of the public meeting laws regarding the work of the committee. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jennifer Stoughten, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, made the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the job candidate names are kept confidential but the number of candidates can be disclosed in open session. He encouraged committee members to make those numbers public without revealing names.

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the job description. (Explanatory document includes the draft job description.)

Derek Kim, Chief of Staff, Human Resources, presented the job description.

Chair Borden asked that the minimum qualifications be addressed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed concern about items on the draft job description that refer to requests by the Director of Transportation. He stated that under the City Charter the Board Secretary is responsive to the Board and not the Director of Transportation. He requested that those items refer to requests by the Board or Board Chair and not the Director of Transportation. He also suggested adding more explicit responsibility to facilitate public involvement and ensure that communications from the public get to the Board and staff. He also suggested that the committee look at the job descriptions for Commission or District Secretaries at the Recreation and Park Commission, Airport Commission, Golden Gate Bridge District and BART.

Chair Borden requested that staff add language highlighting facilitating public participation and experience with hosting online meetings.

Director Eaken asked staff to cast a wide net rather than set up any barriers to entry.

5. Public Comment

David Pilpel agreed that the number of years of experience in the minimum qualifications could limit the pool of candidates. He encouraged the committee to think about the kind of people that the committee wants to apply. He supported casting the net so that you get people familiar with public meetings more than years of experience, and that their experience is relevant to the job responsibilities. He also requested that the public be notified when another meeting is scheduled.

ADJOURN– The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Caroline Celaya
Secretary, Board Secretary Search Committee

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