

***AAB Regular
Meeting of
February 16, 2022***

Agenda Item D

***January 19, 2022
Minutes***



ABATEMENT APPEALS BOARD

NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Remote Hearing via video and teleconferencing

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1-415-655-0001 / Access Code: 2491 510 4691

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL.

The meeting of the Abatement Appeals Board for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 was called to order at 9:02 a.m. and roll was taken by Commission Assistant Secretary Monique Jones, and a quorum was certified.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Alysabeth Alexander-Tut
Vice President Jason Tam
Commissioner Raquel Bito
Commissioner J.R. Eppler
Commissioner Angus McCarthy
Commissioner Angie Sommer
Commissioner Sam Moss, Excused

Sonya Harris, Building Inspection Commission Secretary

Monique Jones, Assistant Building Inspection Commission Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Alysabeth Alexander-Tut, President
Jason Tam, Vice-President
Raquel Bito, Commissioner
J.R. Eppler, Commissioner
Angus McCarthy, Commissioner
Sam Moss, Commissioner
Angie Sommer, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph Duffy, Secretary to the Board (628) 652-4411
Sonya Harris, BIC Secretary (628) 652-3510
Melissa Reyes, Recording Secretary (628) 652-3427

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE

Zachary Porianda, Deputy City Attorney (415) 554-4665

DBI REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Joseph Duffy, Secretary to the Board

Zachary Porianda, Deputy City Attorney

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment read by Vice President Tam:

The Abatement Appeal Board acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

B. FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e). *(Discussion and Possible Action)*

The Board will discuss and possibly renew findings that it adopted at its October 20, 2021 meeting that are necessary to authorize the Board to hold meetings remotely under the modified Brown Act provisions in Assembly Bill 361.

Vice President Tam made a motion to continue teleconferenced meetings as the conditions in the resolution continue to exist, which was seconded by Commissioner Eppler.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(Discussion and Possible Action)*

Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes for a meeting held on: December 15, 2021.

Vice President Tam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to adopt meeting minutes of December 15, 2021.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

D. REVISION OF ABATEMENT APPEALS BOARD PROCEDURAL RULES

(Action item)

The Board will present and adopt revised bylaws and rules of procedure for appeals.

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President Alexander-Tut asked if the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) and Abatement Appeals Board (AAB) rules were aligned regarding notifications for the nominations, and if there was a revision or another notification was necessary?

Deputy City Attorney Porianda responded that although he was not familiar with the BIC rules, the AAB rules for nominations should be aligned with the BIC and would be held in February and there would be back to back meetings of elections.

President Alexander-Tut asked about the notification requirement for the Building Inspection Commission in the rules for January.

Secretary Harris clarified in the BIC rules it states the elections are held in February, but the Commission has informally started a practice of nominating members in January but that was not written in the BIC rules.

President Alexander-Tut said for consistency the Board would leave the process as is.

Vice President Tam made a motion to accept the Abatement Appeals Board Procedural Rules, which was seconded by Commissioner Sommer.

Commission Assistant Secretary Jones called for a Roll Call Vote:

President Alexander-Tut	Yes
Vice President Tam	Yes
Commissioner Bito	Yes
Commissioner Eppler	Yes
Commissioner McCarthy	Yes
Commissioner Sommer	Yes
Commissioner Moss	Excused

There was no public comment.

Mr. Joe Duffy, Secretary to the Board and Deputy Director of Inspection Services, announced that the AAB meetings would be postponed for the next couple of months due to training new staff and a huge turnover of staff recently. He stated that he anticipated hearings to resume in March, and did not foresee any impact of there being a backlog.

E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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There was a motion to adjourn by Vice-President Tam, which was seconded by Commissioner Eppler.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Jones

Monique Jones, Assistant BIC Secretary

Sonya Harris

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