



Minutes of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors meeting
February 25, 2020
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Office
1720 Market Street, San Francisco CA

Directors in attendance	Alexandra Sweet
	Audrey Harris
	Brad Williford
	Constance Cavallas
	Jean Kao
	Juli Uota
	Kelli Shields
	Manoj Madhavan
	Marie Jonas
	Meaghan Mitchell
	Nic Jay Aulston
	Preston Rhea
	Sarah Bindman
	Stephen Braitsch
Tyler Morris	
Directors absent	n/a
Staff	Brian Wiedenmeier (Executive Director)
Guests in attendance	Joe Bevington
	Howard Williams
	Jane Natoli
	Susan Mooney
	Esther Gallagher

Agenda Item		Purpose	Presenter
1	Open	Start	Board President



The meeting was convened with quorum at 6:00 pm.

2	Intros	Informational	All
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The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves and stated their pronouns.

3	Anti-Harassment Training	Informational	Folger Levin
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Joe Bevington from Folger Levin conducted an anti-harassment training.

Tyler Morris arrived at 6:04pm.

Nic Jay Aulston arrived at 6:11pm.

4	Break	None	All
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At 6:48pm, the Board took a five minute break.

5	Public Comment	Informational	Guests
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6:53 the Board President called the meeting back into session.

Jane Natoli welcomed the new directors. She said it was a pleasure serving for two years. She learned a lot about herself and the board and found it deeply rewarding. The board is uniquely set up to do wonderful things. She's a little sad that she won't be participating as a board member, but will definitely be participating as a member.

Howard Williams congratulated the bike coalition for getting rid of cars on Market Street. It's the greatest thing he's seen for bikes and the City. All messengers agree that

Andreas said he's here on behalf of couriers to congratulate Tyler Morris on his election.

Esther Gallagher said she happily and unsuccessfully ran for the board but happy to be here and to be alive.

6	Approve Officers and Committee Composition	Action	All
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Jean asked to clarify those who want to run for board, president, and treasurer.

Alex Sweet volunteered to run for secretary. Marie Jonas volunteered to run for treasurer. Jean Kao volunteered to run for President.

Do we agree that we support the three board members that have volunteered for these roles?

There was no consensus, therefore the board moved to a vote.

The group decides to vote on each position. Alex advocates to elect Jean as President. The majority agreed. One person abstained.

Sarah advocates for Marie as Treasurer. We arrived at consensus.



Manoj advocates for Alex as Secretary. We arrived at consensus.

Jean asked the group how they feel about the committees they're working on.

- Board members expressed an interest in having a shared understanding of what each committee is working on and that it would be helpful to have a guide for our work. There is also opportunity for more gender balancing.

Manoj advocates for Rahul to be on the Executive Committee. Everyone agreed.

Marie advocated to move forward with the Financial Committee as the interim. Everyone agreed.

Juli said she would join the Audit/Endorsement Committee.

Marie asked if people feel okay about moving forward with the current committee assignments. Everyone agreed.

Jean asked committee chairs to develop a document with an overview of each committee to state goals for the year.

7	Monthly Actions & Updates	Action	Executive Committee
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Meeting Minutes

Alex made some minor changes to the previous minutes, including clarification of votes. The board discussed some clarifications on passing a motion to move to closed session. Jean made a motion to approve the minutes.

Ten members agreed to approve the minutes. Five board members abstained. The minutes were approved.

Member Emails

Jean reviewed the emails we received this month. There were six emails:

- 1 email on how the board composition does not reflect the demographics of our city
- 1 email asking board candidates to use the SafeLanes app as part of our campaign efforts
- 1 email asking the board about Polk St, promoting SafeLanes on our website, and more communication channels
- 2 emails from Scott Yarborough
 - asking to confirm our votes for the censure action
 - feedback on our board endorsement process, saying it's a petty personality contest and also contains confidential information
- 2 emails from outgoing director Shirley Johnson
 - asking the board to select a different president for the new term
 - requesting access to board documentation up until the new board is seated at 6pm
- There was a public comment at our Jan board meeting about our member meeting
 - we've spoken with legal counsel and we've met our obligation according to our bylaws

Finance Report

Rahul gave a review of the February 2020 Financial Statement. We're a little behind on where we want to be, but don't have a huge concern. We have the right amount of operating reserve.

8	Executive Director Report and Mid-Year Review	Informational	Personnel Committee
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Executive Director Report

- Brian gave his Executive Director's Report. He said Market Street has been car-free for a month. The Coalition is conducting their own feedback effort. Valencia St is part of the City's new quick-build policy, but it may go to the full SFMTA Board for approval.
- Port Commissioners unanimously voted to go to SFMTA and come back with a plan for two-way protected bikeway for the entirety of Embarcadero.
- April 4th is the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park - the entire park will be car free for a day.
- Freeway access will be banned on Page Street.
- In early March, the protected bike lane will be completed on Townsend St.
- There is a meeting this Saturday at 10am on Fulton St. If you ride in Richmond, SFMTA will be holding a public meeting.
- Bike and Roll to School is April 20-24th. Sign up on our website!
- April 18th is our Family Bike Fest fundraiser. Please join us!
- Tomorrow we are giving bicycles at Downtown High School in Potrero Hill.
- Staffing Change - brought on new fulltime organizer! Claire Amable (she/her)

Executive Director Mid-Year Review

Marie gave an overview of the mid-year review.

Brian said he is proud of the work he and the organization have done. He is pleased with staff retention, and notable victories both on the advocacy front and on the program work.

9	SFBC Ed Fund Meeting	Action	All
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Brian gave an overview of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Education Fund.

Marie seeks to agree that we nominate ourselves as the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Coalition Education Fund.

Everyone approves. The motion passes unanimously that the Board members of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition are also the Board members of the SFBC Education Fund.

10	Adjournment	Action	Jean Kao
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Jean closed the meeting at 8:26pm.

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Alex Sweet, Secretary	
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