

City and County of San Francisco



Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

Bylaws

I. Name and Membership:

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXII of the San Francisco Administrative Code, there shall be a Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee ("Committee") composed of 16 voting members, appointed as follows:

Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be held by representatives of nonprofit organizations that advocate for health equity in communities that are disproportionately impacted by diseases related to the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, as defined in Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 552, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. (3 Members)

Seats 4 and 5 shall be held by individuals who are employed at medical institutions in San Francisco and who have experience in the diagnosis or treatment of, or in research or education about, chronic and other diseases linked to the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. (2 Members)

Seat 6 shall be held by a person who is under 19 years old at the time of appointment and who may be a member of the Youth Commission, nominated by the Youth Commission and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If the person is under legal voting age and unable to be an elector for that reason, the person may hold this seat, but upon reaching legal voting age, the person shall relinquish the seat unless he or she becomes an elector, in which case the person shall retain the seat. (1 Member)

Seat 7 shall be held by a person appointed by the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development or any successor office. (1 Member)

Seats 8 and 9 shall be held by persons appointed by the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District. If at any time the Board of Education declines to appoint a member to Seat 8 or 9 and leaves the seat vacant for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until such time as the Board of Education appoints a member. (2 Members)

Seat 10 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health who has experience or expertise in the field of chronic disease prevention or treatment, appointed by the Director of Health. (1 Member)

Seat 11 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of oral health, appointed by the Director of Health. (1 Member)

Seat 12 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in the field of food security or access, appointed by the Director of Health. (1 Member)

Seat 13 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, appointed by the Director of that Department. (1 Member)

Seat 14 shall be held by an employee of the Recreation and Park Department, appointed by the General Manager of that Department. (1 Member)

Seat 15 shall be held by a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District at the time of appointment, nominated by the San Francisco Unified School District's Parent Advisory Council, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If at any time the Parent Advisory Council declines to nominate a member to a vacant seat for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public to fill the seat until the seat becomes vacant again. (1 Member)

Seat 16 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in services and programs for children five years old and under, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. (1 Member)

II. Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax, as established by Article 8 of the San Francisco Business Tax and Regulations Code. Starting in 2018, by March 1 of each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a report that (a) evaluates the impact of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax on beverage prices, consumer purchasing behavior, and public health, and (b) makes recommendations regarding the potential establishment and/or funding of programs to reduce the consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages in San Francisco.

III. Attendance

Committee members are expected to attend each regular or special meeting of the Committee. Committee staff shall maintain a record of members' attendance.

Any member who misses three regular Committee meetings within any 12-month period without the express approval of the Advisory Committee at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Advisory Committee.

If any member cannot attend a meeting of the Committee, the member shall notify the Committee Staff in writing of the member's intent to be absent and the reason for the absence, and shall indicate whether the member seeks approval of the absence

from the Advisory Committee. Such notice shall be given not less than 72-hours in advance of the meeting. Any request for approval of the absence shall be placed before the Committee at its next meeting for review and possible action.

A Committee member's absence shall be approved if the member has shown good cause for the absence. For purposes of attendance, good cause exists where the absence is due to unforeseen circumstances, such as illness or emergency. Good cause shall not extend to planned vacations or professional or personal scheduling conflicts.

IV. Election of Officers and Terms of Offices

The Committee shall elect Co-Chairs annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year.

The election of Co-Chairs may be held at a regular or special meeting of the Committee. The Co-Chairs or any two members may call a special meeting for the election of officers, if needed, or call for such an election at a regular Committee meeting.

V. Duties of the Co-Chairs

The duties of the Co-Chairs are to:

Preside at all meetings of the Committee, and perform all other duties necessary to ensure a productive body that is engaged in all facets of the Committee's work;

Set the agenda for Committee meetings in consultation with other members and with Committee staff; and

Prior to each meeting, decide who will facilitate and lead the meeting.

VI. Committee Meetings

a. Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings of the Committee shall be open and public. The Committee shall hold its regular meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 5 PM. Please check the meeting notice for location at www.sfdph.org/sddtac. If a recommendation is made by DPH that a Regular Meeting be canceled or changed, the Committee or the Co-Chairs may cancel the Regular Meeting or fix another time therefor. Written notice of cancellation or of a change in a Regular Meeting time must be given at least seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled time of such Regular Meeting. The Committee must hold a minimum of 4 meetings per year.

b. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Committee shall be open and public. Special Meetings shall be held at such times as the Committee may determine, or may be called by the Co-Chairs at any time. Written notice of a Special Meeting must be given at least seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled time of such Meeting. Special Meetings shall be held at the regular meeting place except that the Committee

may designate an alternate meeting place provided that the notice designating the alternate meeting place is issued 15 days prior to the date of the Special Meeting.

c. Public Comment

Members of the public are entitled to comment on any matter on the calendar prior to action being taken by the Committee on that item or prior to calling the next item on the agenda. In addition, the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee and have not been the subject of public comment on other items on the agenda. Upon the specific findings of the Committee and support thereof, the presiding Co-Chair may set a reasonable time limit for each speaker, based on such factors as the complexity and nature of the agenda item, the number of anticipated speakers for that item, and the number and anticipated duration of other agenda items. Individual Committee members and Committee staff should refrain from entering into any debates or discussion with speakers during public comment.

d. Minutes of Meetings

DPH shall maintain written minutes of Committee meetings. A draft copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be provided to each member before the next regular meeting of the Committee. Approved Committee minutes shall be made available at the San Francisco Main Library, posted on the DPH website and by email ten (10) days after the meeting approving the minutes.

VII. Subcommittees

a. Standing Subcommittees

Upon approval by a majority of the members of the Committee, standing subcommittees may be formed to advise the Committee. The Chair of the Committee shall name the Chair and members of each subcommittee.

b. Special Subcommittees

Upon approval by a majority of the members of the Committee, special or ad-hoc subcommittees may be formed. Special subcommittees shall be formed for a specific purpose and cease to exist after completion of that purpose.

VIII. Quorum

The presence of a majority of members is required to conduct a meeting and shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. The only official business that can be transacted in the absence of a quorum is: (1) to take measures to obtain a quorum; (2) to fix the time to which to adjourn; (3) to take a recess; or (4) to adjourn.

IX. Rules of Order and Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements

a. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

b. The Committee and its subcommittees shall perform its duties in compliance with all applicable provisions of the San Francisco Charter, California's Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §§54950 et seq.), and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 67).

X. Voting

Each member present at Advisory Committee meetings must vote on all motions and questions put before the Committee by voting “for” or “against,” unless abstaining from the vote.

XI. Technical Assistance

Under Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code, the City Administrator is charged with providing administrative and clerical support to the Committee. The City Administrator has delegated this function to the Department of Public Health (DPH). In addition, the Controller’s Office shall provide technical support and policy analysis for the Advisory Committee upon request. All City officials and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee in the performance of its functions.

XII. Order of Business

The order of business at any Regular Meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - Approval of Absences
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Review and Consideration of Regular Agenda
- d. General Public Comment
- e. DPH Staff Report
- f. Funding Update
- g. New Business
- h. Subcommittee Update
- i. Committee Members’ Proposed Future Agenda Items
- j. Announcements
- k. Adjournment

These Bylaws were adopted by the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee, on
