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Rich Hedges  
Adam Loraine  
Rob Newsom Jr.

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

City Hall  
330 W. 20th Avenue  
San Mateo CA 94403  
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**September 18, 2023**  
**City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 PM**  
**Special Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m.**

##### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Lee, Council Members: Hedges, Loraine and Newsom

Deputy Mayor Diaz Nash teleconferenced from: the Sheraton Hanoi Hotel, K5 Nghi Tam, 11 Xuan Dieu Road, Tay Ho District Hanoi, Vietnam

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Following the opportunity for public comment, there were no speakers, the City Council convened into Closed Session to consider:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
City designated representatives: Stacey Cue, Teresa Abrahamsohn, Karen Huang, and Yumi Maeda  
Employee Organization: San Mateo Safety Management Association
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Amitava Biswas v. City of San Mateo, San Mateo Superior Court Case No.: 23-CIV-04046

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:41 p.m.

#### **STUDY SESSION**

3. Boards and Commissions – 2023 Demography Study

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to convene the Regular Meeting. This special meeting reconvened at 7:58 p.m. to Study Session Item #3.

Martin McTaggart, Deputy City Clerk, provided a presentation reviewing the 2023 Commissioner Demography Study results. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment – Owen Day stated his support of increasing diversity on boards & commissions, especially socio-economically.

Council provided feedback on the survey results, expressed their concerns, and gave suggestions, including capturing greater demographic information from applicants, raising the profile of the work performed by Boards and Commissions, and partnering with community organizations. City Clerk's Office staff will review all suggestions provided by Council for feasibility of implementation.

**ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Amourence Lee, Mayor

Patrice Olds, City Clerk