



**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**July 22, 2026**

**OPENING ITEMS**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

**Sarah Ranney**, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani  
**Alison LaBonte** (Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin  
**Vacant**, *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett  
**Daniel Tahara**, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub  
**Yasmin Mahmoudian** (Vice Chair), *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe  
**vacant**, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby  
**Misha Kesselman**, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra  
**Kera Binns**, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert  
**Gwendy Brown**, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii  
**Mabel Athanasiou**, *Youth Commissioner*  
**Shanza Syed**, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

**Commissioners Present:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou

**Commissioner Leave of Absence:** Syed

**Commissioner Absent:** N/A

**Staff:** Sarah Moore, Marna Schwartz, Kurt Hurley, Jeff Jensen, David Lopez

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):**

1 member(s) of the Public  
1 comment(s)

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 22, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the July 22, 2026 Minutes (Ranney, Kesselman). The motion carried: 6-0-2-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, LaBonte.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain** Binns, Athanasiou. **Absent:** Syed

**5. Update from Chair** (Alison LaBonte)

**6. Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore)

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

7. **Discussion:** Receive an update on the 2025 CA Reach Code Cost Effectiveness Studies (Building & Safety Division: Kurt Hurley, Jeff Jensen, David Lopez) [Public Comments: 0]
8. **Discussion & Action:** Draft Referral and Resolution to Council in support of [SB 1221 Zonal Decarbonization Pilot](#) in Berkeley (Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee) [Public Comments: 0]
  - a. [Draft Referral and Resolution](#)

Motion/second to approve the SB 1221 Zonal Decarbonization Pilot Recommendation and Resolution for Council with revisions in the July 22, 2026, meeting packet (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Syed.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS**

9. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
  - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, Tahara, Binns)
  - b. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
  - c. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, Syed)
  - d. Data (LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)
10. **Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
  - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
  - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
  - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Gwendy Brown)
  - d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
  - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (vacant)
  - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
  - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
  - h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

11. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
  - a. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Fall 2026)
  - b. BESO Time of Sale
  - c. Reach Codes
  - d. Transportation equity
  - e. Resilience efforts
  - f. Sacramento legislative tracker
  - g. Transfer Station
  - h. Former City landfill at the Berkeley Marina

- i. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- j. Bicycle Infrastructure: Hopkins Bike Lane and Bicycle Boulevards
- k. Campus microgrid opportunity at BART/ university

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **12. Public Communications**

### **13. Commissioner Announcements**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:32 PM (Brown, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1;

**Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Syed.

### **Minutes Approved:**

Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary