



Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

STAFF REPORT
November 4, 2026

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Justin Horner, Planning Commission Secretary

SUBJECT: 2027 Planning Commission Calendar

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission review and approve a Planning Commission meeting schedule and regular meeting time for 2027.

2027 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Attachment 1 includes a proposed schedule for 11 Planning Commission meetings for the 2027 calendar year. The general rule is for the Planning Commission to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and to reserve the 3rd Thursday of each month for any special meetings the Planning Commission may call.

Attachment 2 includes the City of Berkeley's official calendar of significant religious holidays, to assist the Planning Commission in determining the final calendar. The Planning Commission is asked to review the calendar and approve it as part of this item.

The current start time for Planning Commission meeting is 6:30pm.

CONTACT PERSON

Justin Horner, Planning Commission Clerk

Attachments:

1. Proposed 2027 Planning Commission Meeting Dates
2. City of Berkeley Calendar of Significant Religious Holidays

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed Meeting Dates for Planning Commission 2027

Regular Meetings: First Wednesday of the month. If not, default to third Wednesday of the month

Reserve Third Wednesday of the month for Special Meetings

Planning Commission Meetings

Wednesday, January 20, 2027

- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Wednesday, February 3, 2027

- Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Wednesday, March 3, 2027

Wednesday, April 7, 2027 (BUSD Spring Recess: 3/29-4/2)

- Potential Alternative due to BUSD Spring Recess: April 21, 2027

Wednesday, May 5, 2027

Wednesday, June 2, 2027

Wednesday, July 7, 2027

- Potential Alternative due to July 4th weekend: July 21, 2027

August Recess

Wednesday, September 1, 2027

- Potential Alternative due to Labor Day weekend: September 15, 2027

Wednesday, October 6, 2027

Wednesday, November 3, 2027

Wednesday, December 1, 2027

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City Policy Regarding the Scheduling of City Meetings on All Significant Religious Holidays

Attachment 2

Pursuant to Resolution No. 70,066-N.S., it is the policy of the City to avoid scheduling meetings of City Legislative Bodies (City Council, Policy Committees, Commissions, Task Forces) on religious holidays that incorporate significant work restrictions for common observance in the United States. City legislative bodies must avoid scheduling meetings on the religious holidays listed below.

Religion	Holiday	2027 Date(s)
Shinto	New Year	1/1/2027 thru 1/3/2027
Hindu	Makara Sankranti	1/14/2027
Cultural	Chinese New Year (Eve, Day, Lantern Festival)	2/5, 2/6, 2/20
Islam	Ramadan (Eve & First Night)	2/7/2027 thru 2/8/2027
Islam	Eid al-Fitr	3/9/2027 thru 3/10/2027
Cultural	Nowruz*	3/21/2027
Hindu	Holi	3/22/2027
Christian	Good Friday	3/26/2027
Christian	Easter Sunday	3/28/2027
Jewish	Passover Nights 1 & 2 (7*, 8*)	4/21 - 4/22 (4/28, 4/29)
Islam	Eid al-Adha	5/16/2027 thru 5/17/2027
Buddhist	Vesak	5/20/2027
Jewish	Shavuot*	6/10/2027 thru 6/12/2027
Shinto	Obon Ceremony*	8/13/2027 thru 8/15/2027
Jewish	Rosh Hashanah	10/1/2027 thru 10/3/2027
Hindu	Dussehra	10/9/2027
Jewish	Yom Kippur	10/10/2027 thru 10/11/2027
Jewish	Sukkot (1st Day)*	10/15/2027 thru 10/16/2027
Jewish	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah*	10/22/2027 thru 10/24/2027
Hindu	Diwali	10/29/2027
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Bab	10/30/2027
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Baha'u'llah	10/31/2027
Jewish	Chanukah (1st night)	12/24/2027
Christian	Christmas	12/25/2027
Cultural	Kwanzaa	12/26/2027 thru 1/1/2027
Jewish	Shabbat (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)*	Weekly

* Meetings not prohibited, but avoid scheduling meetings if possible