



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES
June 25, 2025

Commissioner	Appointed by	District
vacant	Ishii	Mayor
Ranney, Sarah	Kesarwani	District 1
LaBonte, Alison	Taplin	District 2
McGuire, Brianna	Bartlett	District 3
Tahara, Daniel	Tregub	District 4
Mahmoudian, Yasmin	O'Keefe	District 5
Guliasi, Les	Blackaby	District 6
Kesselman, Misha	Lunaparra	District 7
Binns, Kera	Humbert	District 8
Athanasίου, Mabel	Youth Commissioner	
Syed, Shanza	Youth Commissioner	

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Commissioners Present: Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Athanasίου, Syed

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Ammon Reagan

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

3 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the May 28, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Mahmoudian). The motion carried: 7-0-1-2; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** LaBonte. **Absent:** Athanasίου, Syed

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion & Action:** Hear a presentation and provide input on the BESO Time of Sale Resilience Upgrades (Ammon Reagan) [Public Comments: 1]
 - a. [BESO Time of Sale New Requirements Overview](#)
 - b. [BESO Time of Sale Ordinance Amendments](#)
8. **Discussion and Action:** Learn about [Sun Day](#) (September 21, 2025) day of action to celebrate clean energy and discuss possible Commission engagement (Kera Binns) [Public Comments: 0]

Commissioners LaBonte and Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:13 pm.

9. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
 - b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
 - c. Community Outreach (Binns, Athanasiou)
 - d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

10. **Commission Liaisons Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
 - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
 - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
 - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)

11. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Zero Waste Strategic Plan (July)
 - b. Councilmember referral ranking and nexus with climate/environment (July)
 - c. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (September)
 - d. Just Transition Phase Two implementation update
 - e. Vision 2050+
 - f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
 - g. Transfer Station
 - h. City efforts to develop and support relationships with indigenous community
 - i. Bicycle Boulevards

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Communications

13. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:56 pm (Mahmoudian, Kesselman). The motion carried: 6-0-0-4; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Guliasi, Athanasiou, Syed

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary