



Energy Commission

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 6:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

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
Athanasidou, Mabel	Youth Commissioner	
Syed, Shanza	Youth Commissioner	

2. Public Comment: Comments on subjects not included on the agenda (3-minute limit per individual)

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from last meeting (April 23, 2025)
4. **Agenda Check:** Commissioners may rearrange items on the agenda
5. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)
 - a. May 20 City Council Agenda, Item [25.-Authorization for City Manager to evaluate policies to accelerate building decarbonization](#)
 - b. [CA Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative](#) – West Berkeley Air Monitoring Draft
6. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** Presentation on “Making Solar Accessible to Everyone” (Cora Stryker, Co-Founder of Bright Saver)
8. **Discussion and Action:** [CA Assembly Bill 306](#) impacts on local building decarbonization efforts and potential Commission actions (McGuire)
9. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
 - b. Community-informed Environmental Justice & Climate Metrics and Just Transition, VMT & Workforce (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
 - c. Community Outreach (Binns, Athanasiou)
 - d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Kesselman, Syed)
10. **Commission Liaison Reports**
 - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney and 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

- a. BESO Time of Sale implementation updates (June)
- b. Councilmember referral ranking and nexus with climate/environment (June/July)
- c. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (September)
- d. Just Transition phase 2 implementation update
- e. Vision 2050+
- f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- g. Zero Waste Strategic Plan
- h. Transfer Station

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Communications

13. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

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*This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Sarah Moore, 510-981-7494, [smoore@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:smoore@berkeleyca.gov).*

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Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Commissioners Present: McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, LaBonte

Commissioner Absent: Athanasίου

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Enola Lagrave, Violet Tahsini

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the March 26, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Guliasi). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Syed.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasίου

4. Agenda Check

Reversed the order of items 7 and 8 on the agenda.

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion and Action:** Elect a Commissioner to serve on the Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to nominate Commissioner Kesselman to serve on the Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee (McGuire, Tahara). The motion carried: 5-1-1-3; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Kesselman, Binns, Syed. **Noes:** Guliasi. **Abstain:** Mahmoudian. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou.

8. **Discussion:** 2025 Climate Action and Resilience Update (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken) [Public Comments: 1]

9. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Community-informed Environmental Justice & Climate Metrics and Just Transition, VMT & Workforce (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
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- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (McGuire)

11. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- b. Transfer Station
- c. Funding for Building Performance Standard (BPS)
- d. [Sun Day](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. **Communications**

13. **Announcements from Commissioners**

- a. [Sun Day](#) 9/21/2025 – an international celebration to promote renewable energy, electric transportation, and more (Binns)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:58 pm (Binns, Tahara,)

Minutes Approved:

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