



Energy Commission

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 6:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani

Alison LaBonte (Vice Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin

Brianna McGuire (Chair), *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett

Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub

Yasmin Mahmoudian, *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe

Les Guliasi, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby

Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra

Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert

Vacant, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

Mabel Athansiou, *Youth Commissioner*

Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

2. 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.

3. **Public comment:** 3-minute limit per individual for items not on the agenda
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 23, 2025)
5. **Agenda Check:** Commissioners may rearrange items on the agenda
6. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)
7. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discussion:** Hear a presentation about the [Just Transition Pilot Program](#) (Katie Van Dyke)
9. **Discussion:** Hear a presentation about Councilmember referral ranking and the nexus with climate/environment (Brianna McGuire)

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates:

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
- c. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

11. Commission Liaison Reports

- 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)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

12. Potential Items for Future Agenda

- a. [General Plan:](#) Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Fall 2025/Winter 2026)
- b. Reach Codes update (Winter 2026)
- c. Vision 2050+
- d. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- e. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- f. Bicycle Boulevards

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Communications

14. 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, [ecc@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:ecc@berkeleyca.gov).*

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*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Planning Department located at 1947 Center Street.*

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular/special meeting of the Berkeley City Commission on Commissions was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City’s website.
Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary



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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES July 23, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani
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The meeting was called to order at 6:02

Commissioners Present: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, Mahmoudian,

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

5 member(s) of the Public
0 comments

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 23, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the July 23, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Tahara). The motion carried: 6-0-2-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Athanasiou, Syed. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian

5. Agenda Check:

6. Update from Chair (Brianna McGuire)

7. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion & Action: Hear a presentation and provide input on the [Zero Waste Strategic Plan](#) (Ruth Abbe) [Public Comments: 1]

9. Discussion & Action: Hear an update on Sun Day (9/21) event planning (Kera Binns) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to endorse and sign on as partners for Sun Day (LaBonte, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian*

**Per the Commissioner Manual (p. 38), the Commission's role is advisory to the City Council, and the Commission may not act as a sponsor of, or participate in, community events without the authorization of the Council. As a result, this vote is not currently valid.*

Commissioner Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:25pm

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
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- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

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- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
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12. Potential Items for Future Agenda [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Just Transition update (Sept-Oct)
- b. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Sept-Oct)

- c. Councilmember referral ranking and the nexus with climate/environment (Sept-Oct)
- d. Reach Codes update (Sept-Oct)
- e. Vision 2050+
- f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- g. Transfer Station
- h. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- i. Bicycle Boulevards

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:41 pm (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3;
Ayes: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliassi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou,
Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian, Guliassi.

Minutes Approved:

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