



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 6:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

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OPENING ITEMS

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

Gwendy Brown, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

Mabel Athanasiou, *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 (Chochen-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 on Non-Agenda Items:** maximum 3-minute limit per individual
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Draft Minutes from December 3, 2025 for consideration and approval
5. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)

The Commission Chair may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

6. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. **No Action can be taken on items that are not noticed on the published agenda.***

7. **Discussion & Action:** Open nominations for annual election of officers to be held at the February 25, 2026 meeting
8. **Discussion:** Draft 2026 Environment & Climate Workplan
 - [2024 Workplan](#) and [2025 Workplan](#) (reference)

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

9. 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)
- e. Data (LaBonte, McGuire, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

10. Commission Liaison Reports

- 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 (Les Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting.

11. Potential Items for Future Agendas

- a. \$300M General Obligation Bond for November 2026 Ballot (February)
- b. Officer elections (February)
- c. 2026 Workplan (February)
- d. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Winter/Spring 2026)
- e. Vision 2050+
- f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- a. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- b. Bicycle Boulevards
- c. Sun Day 2026 planning

COMMUNICATIONS

12. Public Communications

13. Commissioner Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICES

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Moore".

Sarah Moore, Secretary