



PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:30 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center

2939 Ellis St., Berkeley, CA 94703

Commission Members:

Chair Pastor Dwayne L. Phillips, Vice-Chair Andrea Cassidy, Commissioner Selim Yasavul, Commissioner Adam Weisberg, Commissioner Carole Marasovic, Commissioner Deborah Fink, Commissioner Robin Mencher, Commissioner Nimrod Pitsker Elias, Commissioner Luke Taylor, Commissioner Ilene Lee, Commissioner Babak Sani, Commissioner Grace Morizawa, Commissioner George Lippman, Commissioner Jeannette McNeil, Commissioner Judah Press

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Roll Call

Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes of June 1, 2026**

From: Commission Secretary

Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the June 1, 2026, Peace and Justice Commission meeting.

Agenda Approval

Approval of the agenda order.

2. **Agenda of July 7, 2026 meeting**

From: Commission Chair

Recommendation: Approve the agenda order for the July 7, 2026 meeting.

Chairperson's Report

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.

Secretary's Report

The Commission Secretary 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.

Commissioner Announcement

Commission members 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.

Presentation

3. **None**

Commission 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.***

4. **Finalize Peace and Justice Commission workplan for July 2026-June 2027**

Recommendation: Adopt an annual workplan for FY 2026-2027 which focusses on three priorities, selected by the Commission from the list below.

Commissioners can also add an item for consideration at the meeting.

The priority issues proposed for consideration are:

- Racial Justice: Reparations And Indigenous Peoples
- LGBTQ
- Sex Trafficking

- Immigration
- Voter Access
- Screening Tool For Peace & Justice In Budget Planning
- Community Policing Policies

5. **Ad Hoc commission assignments for each commission workplan content area.**
 Recommendation: Establish an Ad Hoc committee for each selected priority from the FY 2026-2027 annual workplan.

Commission Discussion Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for discussion 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 discussion only items.***

6. **For Discussion only: Reinvigorating United Against Hate Week in Berkeley.**

Information Items

7. **None>**

Committee Updates

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.

- **Requests by Commission members to add items to a future agenda**

Adjournment

Notices

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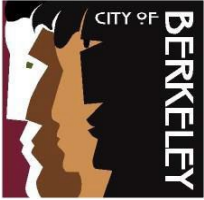
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Tasha Tervalon, Secretary

Communications

None.



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Commission

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Monday, June 1, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
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Draft Minutes

Mayor Adena Ishii:
Andrea Cassidy
Vice-Chair

Rashi Kersarwani:
Selim Yasavul

Terry Taplin:
Adam Weisberg

Ben Bartlett:
Carole Marasovic

Igor Tregub:
Deborah Fink

Shoshana O’Keefe:
Nimrod Pitsker Elias

Brent Blackaby:
Robin Mencher

Cecilia Lunaparra:
Luke Taylor

Mark Humbert:
Ilene Lee

BUSD:
Appel- Grace Morizawa
Shanoski- Jeannette McNeil
Chang- Babak Sani
Vasudeo- George Lippman
Babitt- Pastor Dwayne L. Phillips- **Chair**
Clark- Judah Press

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with Chair Phillips presiding. Tasha Tervalon as Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, and McNeil

Arrived at 6:33: Commissioner Lee

Arrived at 6:41: Commissioner Press

Absent: None

Leave of Absence: None

2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements

4. Review and approval of Agenda. Discussion and possible action.

Motion to approve the agenda

M/S/C: Taylor/Marasovic

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: None

5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 4, 2026 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the May 4, 2026 draft Minutes

M/S/C: Sani/Taylor

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Marasovic, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: Commissioners Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Fink and Mencher

Absent: None

Excused: None

6. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary.
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
 - The Chair reports on PJC activities and informal ad hoc subcommittees

8. Secretary's Report

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation from Police Accountability Board.
Presentation, no action taken.
2. Action to select commissioner(s) to present to council and relevant Council Committees and Council meetings regarding the Peace and Justice Commission item: Declare Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Transgender and Gender Expansive People, and adopt a comprehensive set of policies to protect and support transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) residents.
Approved on May 4, 2026.

Motion to approve Commissioners Taylor and Marasovic to present to council and relevant Council Committees and Council meetings regarding the Peace and Justice Commission item: Declare Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Transgender and Gender Expansive People, and adopt a comprehensive set of policies to protect and support transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) residents

M/S/C: Lippman/Elias

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: Commissioner Yasavul

Absent: None

Excused: None

3. Peace and Justice Commission Annual Workplan discussion.
Discussion, no action taken.

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications submitted to the Peace and Justice Commission are on file in the City Manager's Office at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA, and are available upon request by contacting the Secretary at or ttervalon@berkeleyca.gov

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:34

M/S/C: Lippman/Elias

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Fink

Excused: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Tasha Tervalon,
Secretary Peace and Justice Commission

Date _____