



City Manager's Office

2 X 2 COMMITTEE MEETING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2026

2:30 – 4:00 pm

***New Location**

*2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Redwood Room
Berkeley, CA 94704

Hybrid Option: [Zoom Link](#)

Webinar ID: 840 0714 0591 Passcode: 185041

Committee Members:

Councilmember Terry Taplin
Councilmember Brent Blackaby

Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director
Jen Corn, BUSD Board Director

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This is a meeting of the 2 x2 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School District. Since a quorum of the Berkeley City Council may actually be present to discuss matters with the 2 x 2 Committee, this meeting is being noticed as a special meeting of the Berkeley City Council as well as the 2 x 2 Committee meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2026
4. Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2025 (Attachment 1)
5. Public Comment (10 min)
6. Discussion Items
 - 6.1 Joint Board Room Use of Technology Update (20 min)
 - 6.2 Afterschool Care Update (20 min)
7. Action Items
 - 7.1 Identify Future Agenda Items
 - 7.2 Identify Next Meeting Date
8. Adjournment



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**Minutes - 2x2 Committee Meeting
October 2, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting commenced at 2:35 pm
2. **Roll Call -Present:** Jennifer Corn, Jennifer Shanoski, Brent Blackaby, Terry Taplin
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda for October 2, 2025**
Action: Motion by Blackaby to approve October 2, 2025, Meeting Agenda, motion seconded by Taplin
Vote: All Ayes: Shanoski, Blackaby, Taplin, Corn
4. **Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2025**
Action: Motion by Taplin to approve May 2, 2025, Minutes, motion seconded by Blackaby.
Vote: All Ayes: Shanoski, Blackaby, Taplin, Corn
5. **Public Comment:** 3 public comments in person.
6. **Discussion Items**

6.1 Update on Joint Board Room Use of Technology

Enikia Ford Morthel, BUSD Superintendent and Max Eissler, BUSD Technology Director, presented.

Background

BUSD Boardroom was modernized in 2014 with A/V system. Originally set up to directly feed video stream to Berkeley Community Media (BCM) for broadcast on public channel. BUSD entered a Facility Use Agreement with City of Berkeley in 2018 for joint use. Boardroom was retrofitted to accommodate Zoom hybrid format in 2022.

Problems/Steps Forward

Audio failures: Popping/buzzing on zoom meetings were caused by a malfunctioning Tricaster. BUSD replaced failed video mixer with new Tricaster.

Room Control Module Unresponsive: Misbehaving power monitoring system in breaker panel. BUSD replaced panel twice; replaced main controller unit; unknown equipment in circuit breaker panel was sending data that caused panel to lock up at time.

Overhead monitors failed: Power supplies failed. Swap out supplies when needed.

Internet Service Outage: Comcast area-wide service outages.

BUSD also took steps to provide additional training for city and BCM staff operating equipment; replaced failing Crestron controller in February 2025; initiated support program with PCD for twice a year tune-ups for AV systems and expedited 2-day service response; BUSD spent over \$22,000 on equipment and service costs in 2023

Three vendors have been contacted for quotes for refurbishing/simplifying setup. Funding has not been identified

When use agreement was initiated, COB paid \$600k upfront as half the cost to convert the cafeteria to a boardroom and \$1200 per meeting is broken down as follows:

4 hours for custodial \$156

8 hours for BUSD security at all meetings \$320 (no BUSD security since 4/2020)

Utilities \$12 hour at \$96

Maintenance 2 hours at \$47 for \$94 (CP fund for repairs)

Supplies for restroom \$12 per meeting

Facility use fee \$522

Request for subject to come back to 2x2 with more understanding of fees and reconciliation of the dollar amount.

Is it appropriate to renegotiate the use agreement? Scope of potential upgrades?

6.2 Joint City of Berkeley and Berkeley Unified School District Afterschool Care Update

Superintendent Ford-Morthel provided an introduction for presentation and requested that Afterschool Care be a standing agenda item at 2x2 meetings.

BUSD operates two after school programs – Berkeley LEARNS and Berkeley BEARS. Both programs are funded through state and federal funds.

The City operated four after school sites in 2024-2025 and increased that number to six sites for 2025/2026.

City's challenges – developing new fee structure; lack of space in COB recreation facilities; bussing limitations; BUSD and COB afterschool timelines for registration are different

BUSD's challenges are increased demand for afterschool care; staffing recruitment and retention issues due to part-time positions and high turnover; funding constraints; limited buses and drivers; high costs of transporting students

A future topic is transportation to afterschool programs.

Comments: Site specific programs to maximize transportation. Request to look at data for which school kids go to which sites. Coordinating transportation between schools that are walking distance from each other.

Action: Motion by Taplin to table action items 7.1. Identify Next Meeting Date and 7.2 Identify Future Agenda Items, motion seconded by Corn.

Vote: All Ayes: Shanoski, Blackaby, Taplin, Corn

7. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm