



Office of the City Manager

2 X 2 COMMITTEE MEETING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, September 20, 2024

2:30 – 4:00 pm

***Location Change**

**Berkeley Adult School
1005 Parker Street
Berkeley, CA 94710**

Committee Members:

Councilmember Sophie Hahn
Councilmember Terry Taplin

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President
Jennifer Shanoski, 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. Approval of Meeting Agenda for September 20, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes for May 24, 2024 (Attachment 1)
4. Public Comment (10 min)
5. Discussion Items
 - 5.1 YEP Update (Nina Goldman, COB)
 - 5.2 Expanding Afterschool Programs
 - a. Discuss associated staffing, budget, and transportation needs
 - 5.3 Traffic Safety Enforcement Around BUSD Schools
 - a. Update on Crossing Guards (Deputy Chief Tate, COB)
 - 5.4. Cost of BUSD use of James Kenney Facility
 - 5.5 RPP for Educators are School Sites
6. Action Items
 - 6.1 Identify new meeting dates for the remainder of 2024
7. Adjournment



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2x2 Meeting Notes

Meeting Location: 2020 Bonar Street, Room 126, Berkeley, Ca 94702

Date: May 22, 2024

Meeting Time: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

2x2 Member Participants:

BUSD:

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President

Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

City of Berkeley:

Sophie Hahn, City of Berkeley Councilmember, Chair

Terry Taplin, City of Berkeley Councilmember

1. Call to Order:

2:41 pm

2. Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Sophie Hahn, Director Shanoski, President Vasudeo

Quorum was established.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda for May 24, 2024:

Councilmember Hahn moved to approve the meeting agenda, and President Vasudeo made a motion to move agenda item 6.3 to the top of the agenda. Director Shanoski seconded the motion.

Motion was approved 3 - 0

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2024:

President Vasudeo made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Director Shanoski seconded the motion.

Motion to approved 3-1
Councilmember Taplin was in absentia

5. Public Comment:

Two members of the public, and long-time Berkeley residents spoke regarding the parking lot/parking permit issue at Berkeley high school, and strongly urged the City of Berkeley to honor the decision the City Council made in January with regards to parking permits for Berkeley High School staff.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 YEP Update

Nina Goldman and Katie Cobian provided an update on Youth Equity Partnership's (YEP) community agency funding process and the recommendations for YEP's funding that are pending approval from the Berkeley City Council at its June 25 meeting.

The City of Berkeley's Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) strives to ensure equitable opportunities and outcomes for African American and Latinx youth in Berkeley schools. Each year YEP oversees \$1.7 million in contracts aimed at supporting the success and well-being of black and brown children in Berkeley.

Ms. Goldman shared that YEP's funding is part of a larger City of Berkeley RFP process, which occurs every four years and allocates approximately \$10 million in city and federal funds to support vulnerable populations in Berkeley. YEP is responsible for managing about \$1.7 million annually. This year, YEP piloted a youth panel responsible for making recommendations to the Berkeley City Council on how to allocate funding. YEP received over 50 applicants, and hired 20 African American and Latinx enrolled at Berkeley High School (BHS), Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA), or Berkeley City College (BCC). The youth went through rigorous training to review proposals for funding. Ultimately, 70 percent of the proposals were recommended for funding, including four new

programs. The YEP panel is set to bring their recommendations to the Berkeley City Council June 25 meeting.

Following the presentation the committee engaged in discussion and requested to hear more directly from students about their needs, and the reason behind their recommendations.

6.2 Update on Parking Permits for BHS Staff

The BUSD brought this item for discussion to gain clarification on the current situation regarding parking permits for BHS staff. The City Council voted in January 2024 to provide parking permits to 60 percent of BHS staff that would include full-time and part-time staff beginning the 2024-25 school year. Recently it was brought to the attention of BUSD staff that the City of Berkeley was using a different calculation which would significantly reduce the number of parking permits to BHS staff, which would significantly impact teaching and learning.

The committee, as well City of Berkeley and BUSD staff engaged in a lengthy discussion to work through the concern brought by BUSD staff.

Councilmember Hahn assured BUSD staff that the situation would come to a positive resolution.

6.3 Update on CoB + BUSD Collaboration on Mental Health

Dr. Phillip Shelley, BUSD's Director of Student Services introduced Rosina Keren, BUSD's Mental Health Coordinator who provided an update on the collaboration between the City of Berkeley and the District with regards to mental health supports provided to BUSD students.

Ms. Keren shared that the Mental Health Student Support Act or MHSSA is a four-year \$2.5 million grant that underpins the collaboration between BUSD and the City of Berkeley, and funds the BUSD Mental Health Coordinator position, currently held by Ms. Keren, the Parent Advocate Position, as well as provides stipends for counseling interns. This grant also supports community-based organizations which provide mental health

services across Berkeley elementary schools, as well as mental health first aid training.

The BHS Wellness Center works closely with the BHS health center to refer students in need of support. The Wellness Center is also providing parent education seminars led by MEET counselors, and is actively collaborating with YouthWorks to provide a two-year paid internship for BHS students to become Peer Health Educators, and plans to expand the opportunity to BTA students during the 24-25 school year.

Following the presentation the committee engaged in robust discussion about mental health supports provided to BUSD students.

6.4 Transportation: Explore public transit efforts/safe routes

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

7. Action Items

7.1 Prioritize Future Agenda Items

Transportation: Explore public transit efforts/safe routes

8. Adjournment 4 pm