



# City of Berkeley ZERO WASTE COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 17 2025 at 5:30 p.m.  
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room)  
1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA, 94702

## MEETING AGENDA

### PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- 5:30 pm 1. Call to Order by Chair and Roll Call by Secretary
- **Steven Sherman**, appointed by CM Rashi Kesarwani, District 1
  - **Christienne de Tournay (Chair)**, appointed by CM Shoshana O'Keefe, District 5
  - **VACANT**, appointed by Mayor Adena Ishii
  - **Layla Dargahi (Vice Chair)**, appointed by CM Terry Taplin, District 2
  - **Dennis Uyat**, appointed by CM Ben Bartlett, District 3
  - **Philip Monrad**, appointed by CM Igor Tregub, District 4
  - **Sandra Curtis**, appointed by CM Brent Blackaby, District 6
  - **Swasti Johri**, appointed by CM Cecilia Lunaparra, District 7
  - **Barun Singh**, appointed by CM Mark Humbert, District 8
- 5:35 pm 2. Approve Meeting Agenda and Order of Agenda Items
- 5:40 pm 3. Approve Draft Action Minutes:
- March 20, 2025 Regular Meeting\*
- 5:45 pm 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda  
*Speakers are allotted up to two minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.*
- 5:55 pm 5. Commissioner Announcements  
*Commissioners may make general announcements; no action will be taken.*
- 6:00 pm 6. Staff Updates

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

*Members of the public may provide comments at the end of each discussion item and prior to the vote of the Commission on any action items. Speakers are allotted up to 2 minutes.*

- 6:15 pm 1. Presentation on Bottle Bills by Susan Collins, President of the Container Recycling Institute
- 6:45 pm 2. Presentation by the Ecology Center Executive Director and Staff about their Work

- 7:15 pm 3. Report outs from the Special Events Subcommittee and Green Building Subcommittee
- 7:25 pm 4. Discuss Future Agenda Items
- 7:30 pm 5. Adjournment

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

*Information items may be moved to discussion but no action will be taken*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Communications from the public are included as links or attachments in the agenda packet.*

**\*Indicates material included in the agenda packet**

**\*\* Indicates material to be available at the meeting**



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## MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:34p.m. with Chrise de Tournay presiding as Chair.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Layla Dargahi, Swasti Johri, Philip Monrad, Chrise de Tournay, Steven Sherman, Dennis Uyat, Barun Singh, Sandra Curtis

LOA:

Absent:

**STAFF PRESENT:** Zohe Slack, Leticia Jauregui

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 2**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 2**

### **ACTION MINUTES:**

- **Approval of the March 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda**  
Action Taken: M/S/C (Monrad/Curtis) to approve the March 20, 2025 meeting agenda.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- **Approval of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Monrad) to approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- **Public Comment**  
2 public comment. No Action Taken.
- **Commissioner Announcements**  
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Staff Updates**  
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Update by Abbe & Associates about the City of Berkley Zero Waste Strategic Plan**  
Discussion only. No Action Taken.  
**Public Comment: 1**
- **Update by the Ecology Center about their Operations**  
Discussion only. No Action Taken.  
**Public Comment: 0**

- **Report out from the Special Events Subcommittee and Green Building Subcommittee**  
Discussion only. No Action Taken.  
**Public Comment: 0**
  
- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**  
**Public Comment: 0**
  - Ecology Center Update by Martin Bourque and Staff
  - Presentation about Vision 2025 by Margo
  - Presentation on Bottle Bills by Susan Collins, president of the Container Recycling Institute
  - Discuss issue of SB 54 going back to rulemaking and Potential Action the Commission can Take
  - Discuss including an informational Zero Waste insert in all City of Berkeley issued residential leases.
  - Presentation about History of Plastics and Copenhagen by Commissioner Sandra Curtis
  
- **Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.**  
M/S/C (Sherman/Singh) to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: None

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

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Julia A. Heath, Secretary