



Environment & Climate Commission

**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

<b>Tregub, Igor</b>	Mayor	Mayor
<b>Ranney, Sarah</b>	Kesarwani	District 1
<b>LaBonte, Alison</b>	Taplin	District 2
<b>McGuire, Brianna</b>	Bartlett	District 3
<b>Tahara, Daniel</b>	vacant	District 4
<b>Allen, Shannon</b>	Hahn	District 5
<b>Guliasi, Les</b>	Wengraf	District 6
<b>Kesselman, Misha</b>	Lunaparra	District 7
vacant	Humbert	District 8
<b>Athanasίου, Mabel</b>	Youth Commissioner	
<b>Syed, Shanza</b>	Youth Commissioner	

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

**Commissioners Present:** Tregub, Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman, Syed

**Commissioner Leave of Absence:**

**Commissioner Absent:** Athanasίου

**Staff:** Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, David Lopez

**2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):**

0 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion/second to approve the April 24, 2024 Minutes (LaBonte, Allen). The motion carried: 8-0-1-1; **Ayes:** Tregub, Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Syed.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Kesselman. **Absent:** Athanasίου

**4. Agenda Check**

**5. Update from Chair**

**6. Update from Staff**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. **Discussion:** Update on the May 7, 2024 Council item: [Re-adoption of the Berkeley Building Codes, including Local Amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code](#). City Council adopted first reading of the Ordinance and Resolution without provisions related to the proposed Zero NOx Emission Building amendment for new construction. Zero NOx provisions have been referred to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Policy Committee for review and a recommendation to Council. Discussion of Zero NOx and alternatives with the Environment and Climate Commission to inform the Policy Committee review (Sarah Moore, David Lopez) [Public Comments: 0]
8. **Discussion:** [Discuss joint City Council item with the Zero Waste Commission requesting support for Berkeley High reusable tableware program](#) (Sarah Ranney, Shanza Syed, Joshua Swift-Rawal, Sophie Horvath) [Public Comments: 0]
9. **Discussion:** Cesar Chavez landfill greenhouse gas management. See [History and update on former Berkeley landfill environmental compliance](#). (Sarah Moore) [Public Comments: 0]
10. **Action:** Elect new Chair to fill vacancy filled by former Commissioner Lunaparra. Elect new Vice Chair if applicable. [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to elect Brianna McGuire to serve as Chair (Allen, Ranney). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Tregub, Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Athanasiou

Motion/second to elect Shannon Allen to serve as Vice Chair (LaBonte, Ranney). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Tregub, Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Athanasiou

11. **Action:** Review Subcommittees for continuation. Chair to appoint subcommittee members and subcommittee chairs with the approval of the Commission. [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to appoint subcommittee members as noted below (Tregub, Allen). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Tregub, Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Athanasiou

- Electrification Equity and Access (Tregub, LaBonte, Kesselman, Tahara, Guliasi)
- Water Conservation and Management (Ranney, Allen, Syed)

**12. Reports from Commission Liaisons**

- Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Shannon Allen)
- Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
- Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney and Mabel Athanasiou)
- Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
- Housing Advisory Commission (vacant)
- Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)

### **13. Workplan Subcommittee Updates**

- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction (Tregub, Ranney, Tahara) - disbanded
- Native Plants (Ranney, McGuire, Allen) - disbanded
- Electrification Equity and Access (Tregub, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi) – Commissioner McGuire to be replaced by Commissioner Kesselman
- Water Conservation and Management (Ranney, Allen, Syed)

### **14. Items for Future Agenda**

- Joint action with Zero Waste Commission in support of funding for Berkeley High School reusables
- Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure (EVSE) municipal and community; update on Electric Mobility Roadmap
- Cesar Chavez Landfill Environmental Compliance
- Transfer Station remodel  
[Public Comments: 0]

## ***INFORMATION ITEMS***

### **15. Communications**

### **16. Announcements from Commissioners**

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:14 pm (Kesselman, Tahara)

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary