



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Commissioner	Appointed by	District
vacant	Ishii	Mayor
Ranney, Sarah	Kesarwani	District 1
LaBonte, Alison	Taplin	District 2
McGuire, Brianna	Bartlett	District 3
Tahara, Daniel	Tregub	District 4
vacant	O'Keefe	District 5
Guliasi, Les	Blackaby	District 6
Kesselman, Misha	Lunaparra	District 7
Binns, Kera	Humbert	District 8
Athanasίου, Mabel	Youth Commissioner	
Syed, Shanza	Youth Commissioner	

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Commissioners Present: Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasίου, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: LaBonte

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the January 22, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Athanasίου). The motion carried: 6-0-1-2; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Binns, Athanasίου. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Syed. **Absent:** LaBonte, Kesselman

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**7. Discussion and Action:** Annual election of officers [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to elect Brianna McGuire as Chair (Binns, Ranney). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

Motion/second to elect Alison LaBonte as Vice-Chair (McGuire, Guliasi). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

8. Discussion and Action: 2025 Environment & Climate Commission Workplan [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to approve the Draft Workplan with minor revisions as discussed (McGuire, Binns). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

9. Discussion and Action: Workplan Subcommittee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to conclude the 2024 Subcommittees and establish the 2025 Subcommittees with the appointees listed below (Kesselman, Tahara). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Community-informed Environmental Justice & Climate Metrics and Just Transition, VMT & Workforce (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
- c. Community Outreach (Binns, Athanasiou)
- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Kesselman, Syed)

10. Commission Liaisons Reports

- a. Planning Commission (LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Ranney and Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (McGuire)

11. Potential Items for Future Agenda

- a. [Measure FF Safe Streets](#) Oversight Committee (March)
- b. Reach Codes (March)
- c. Annual Climate Action and Resilience Update (April)
- d. [Green New Deal Council Referral](#)
- e. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- f. Transfer Station
- g. Funding for Building Performance Standard (BPS)

[Public Comments: 0]

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Communications

13. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 6:51 pm (Kesselman, Tahara)

Minutes Approved:

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