



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, March 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 6:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara (6:19pm), Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasίου, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence:

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Terrance Davis, Kurt Hurley, David Lopez

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

2 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the February 26, 2025 Minutes (Kesselman, Binns). The motion carried: 7-0-1-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasίου, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** LaBonte. **Absent:** Tahara.

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**7. Discussion and Action:** Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee (Terrance Davis) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to nominate Commissioners Guliasi and Kessleman for consideration to serve on the Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee, with elections to occur at the April 23 meeting (McGuire, Tahara). The motion carried: 9-0-0-0; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

8. Discussion and Action: 2025 Energy and Green Code Updates and Reach Code Options (Kurt Hurley) [Public Comments: 1]

Motion/second to authorize the Building Decarbonization Subcommittee to write a referral for Council to authorize the City Manager to evaluate and develop amendments to the 2025 Energy and CALGreen Codes and/or other ordinances to accelerate building decarbonization for Council consideration (Kesselman, Ranney). The motion carried: 9-0-0-0; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

9. Workplan Subcommittee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- 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 [Public Comments: 0]

- 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 [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Annual Climate Action and Resilience Update (April)
- b. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- c. Transfer Station
- d. Funding for Building Performance Standard (BPS)

INFORMATION ITEMS**12. Communications**

13. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:07 pm (Tahara, Binns)

Minutes Approved:

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