



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, April 23, 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
Mahmoudian, Yasmin	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: McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, LaBonte

Commissioner Absent: Athanasίου

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Enola Lagrave, Violet Tahsini

2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the March 26, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Guliasi). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Syed.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasίου

4. Agenda Check

Reversed the order of items 7 and 8 on the agenda.

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion and Action:** Elect a Commissioner to serve on the Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to nominate Commissioner Kesselman to serve on the Measure FF Safe Streets Oversight Committee (McGuire, Tahara). The motion carried: 5-1-1-3; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Kesselman, Binns, Syed. **Noes:** Guliasi. **Abstain:** Mahmoudian. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou.

8. **Discussion:** 2025 Climate Action and Resilience Update (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken) [Public Comments: 1]

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. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- b. Transfer Station
- c. Funding for Building Performance Standard (BPS)
- d. [Sun Day](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. **Communications**

13. **Announcements from Commissioners**

- a. [Sun Day](#) 9/21/2025 – an international celebration to promote renewable energy, electric transportation, and more (Binns)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:58 pm (Binns, Tahara)

Minutes Approved:

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