



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, May 28, 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 6:01 pm

Commissioners Present: Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Binns

Commissioner Leave of Absence: LaBonte, Kesselman, Athanasίου, Syed

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 April 23, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Mahmoudian). The motion carried: 5-1-0-4; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Binns. **Noes:** None.

Abstain: Ranney. **Absent:** LaBonte, Kesselman, Athanasίου, Syed

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

a. May 20 City Council Agenda, Item [25.-Authorization for City Manager to evaluate policies to accelerate building decarbonization](#)

b. [CA Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative](#) – West Berkeley Air Monitoring Draft

6. Update from Staff

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** Presentation on “Making Solar Accessible to Everyone” (Cora Stryker, Co-Founder of Bright Saver) [Public Comments: 0]
8. **Discussion and Action:** [CA Assembly Bill 306](#) impacts on local building decarbonization efforts and potential Commission actions (McGuire) [Public Comments: 0]
9. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee 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. BESO Time of Sale implementation updates (June)
 - b. Councilmember referral ranking and nexus with climate/environment (June/July)
 - c. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (September)
 - d. Just Transition phase 2 implementation update
 - e. Vision 2050+
 - f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
 - g. Zero Waste Strategic Plan
 - h. Transfer Station

INFORMATION ITEMS**12. Communications****13. Announcements from Commissioners**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:41 pm (Binns, Tahara). The motion carried: 4-0-0-6; **Ayes:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Athanasiou, Syed

Minutes Approved:

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