



Energy Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 17, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani

Alison LaBonte (Vice Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin

Brianna McGuire (Chair), *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett

Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub

Yasmin Mahmoudian, *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe

Les Guliasi, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby

Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra

Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert

Vacant, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

Mabel Athansiou, *Youth Commissioner*

Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00

Commissioners Present: Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Athansiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Guliasi

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Katie Van Dyke

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comments

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 23, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the July 23, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-1-1; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Athansiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Ranney. **Absent:** Guliasi

5. **Agenda Check:**
6. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)
7. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discussion & Action:** Hear a presentation about the [Just Transition Pilot Program](#) (Katie Van Dyke [Public Comments: 0])
9. **Discussion & Action:** Hear a presentation about Councilmember referral ranking and the nexus with climate/environment (Brianna McGuire) [Public Comments: 0]

Commissioner Binns exited the meeting at 7:01pm

Commissioner Mahmoudian exited the meeting at 7:13pm

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
- c. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

Action: Motion/second to create a new temporary Ad Hoc Data Committee and appoint members McGuire, Mahmoudian, Syed, LaBonte, and Kesselman (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Kesselman, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Binns.

11. Commission Liaison Reports [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

12. Potential Items for Future Agenda [Public Comments: 0]

- a. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Winter 2026)
- b. Reach Codes update (Winter 2026)
- c. Vision 2050+
- d. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- e. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- f. Bicycle Boulevards

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Communications

14. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:38 pm (LaBonte, Ranney). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Kesselman, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Binns.

Minutes Approved:

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