



## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES March 25, 2026

### OPENING ITEMS

#### 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

**vacant**, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby

**Misha Kesselman**, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra

**Kera Binns**, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert

**Gwendy Brown**, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

**Mabel Athanasiou**, *Youth Commissioner*

**Shanza Syed**, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:03

**Commissioners Present:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed

**Commissioner Leave of Absence:** None

**Commissioner Absent:** McGuire

**Staff:** Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

#### 3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

0 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (February 25, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the February 25, 2026 Minutes (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** McGuire.

#### 5. Update from Chair (Alison LaBonte)

#### 6. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- 7. Discussion:** Consider the draft Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee communication to Council regarding the inclusion of building electrification in relation to the potential City of Berkeley \$300M General Obligation Bond for the November 2026 Ballot and municipal capital projects. [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to approve the substantive content of the report to Council, regarding the inclusion of building electrification in relation to the potential City of Berkeley \$300M General Obligation Bond for the November 2026 Ballot and municipal capital projects, as revised at the March 25, 2026 meeting, with additional minor edits to ensure consistency and clarity throughout (Ranney, Binns). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** McGuire.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS**

- 8. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
  - b. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
  - c. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, Syed)
  - d. Data (LaBonte, McGuire, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)
- 9. Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
  - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
  - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Gwendy Brown)
  - d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
  - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (vacant)
  - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
  - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
  - h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- 10. Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
- a. Reach Codes (Spring)
  - b. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (May/June)
  - c. Transfer Station
  - d. Vision 2050+
  - e. Cesar Chavez Landfill
  - f. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
  - g. Bicycle Boulevards

h. Sun Day 2026 planning

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **11. Public Communications**

### **12. Commissioner Announcements**


## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:36 pm (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 9-0-0-1;

**Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou,

Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** McGuire.

### **Minutes Approved:**



Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary