



Peace and  
Justice  
Commission

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, June 1, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**South Berkeley Senior Center**  
**2939 Ellis St. Berkeley, CA 94703**

**Draft Minutes**

**Mayor Adena Ishii:**  
Andrea Cassidy  
**Vice-Chair**

**Rashi Kersarwani:**  
Selim Yasavul

**Terry Taplin:**  
Adam Weisberg

**Ben Bartlett:**  
Carole Marasovic

**Igor Tregub:**  
Deborah Fink

**Shoshana O’Keefe:**  
Nimrod Pitsker Elias

**Brent Blackaby:**  
Robin Mencher

**Cecilia Lunaparra:**  
Luke Taylor

**Mark Humbert:**  
Ilene Lee

**BUSD:**  
**Appel-** Grace Morizawa  
**Shanoski-** Jeannette McNeil  
**Chang-** Babak Sani  
**Vasudeo-** George Lippman  
**Babitt-** Pastor Dwayne L. Phillips- **Chair**  
**Clark-** Judah Press

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with Chair Phillips presiding. Tasha Tervalon as Secretary.

**SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, and McNeil**

**Arrived at 6:33: Commissioner Lee**

**Arrived at 6:41: Commissioner Press**

**Absent: None**

**Leave of Absence: None**

2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements

4. Review and approval of Agenda. Discussion and possible action.

**Motion to approve the agenda**

**M/S/C: Taylor/Marasovic**

**Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Excused: None**

5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 4, 2026 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting

**Motion to approve the May 4, 2026 draft Minutes**

**M/S/C: Sani/Taylor**

**Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Marasovic, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: Commissioners Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Fink and Mencher**

**Absent: None**

**Excused: None**

6. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary.
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
  - The Chair reports on PJC activities and informal ad hoc subcommittees

8. Secretary's Report

## SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation from Police Accountability Board.  
**Presentation, no action taken.**
2. Action to select commissioner(s) to present to council and relevant Council Committees and Council meetings regarding the Peace and Justice Commission item: Declare Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Transgender and Gender Expansive People, and adopt a comprehensive set of policies to protect and support transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) residents.  
Approved on May 4, 2026.

**Motion to approve Commissioners Taylor and Marasovic to present to council and relevant Council Committees and Council meetings regarding the Peace and Justice Commission item: Declare Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Transgender and Gender Expansive People, and adopt a comprehensive set of policies to protect and support transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) residents**

**M/S/C: Lippman/Elias**

**Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Weisburg, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: Commissioner Yasavul**

**Absent: None**

**Excused: None**

3. Peace and Justice Commission Annual Workplan discussion.  
**Discussion, no action taken.**

## SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

*Communications submitted to the Peace and Justice Commission are on file in the City Manager's Office at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA, and are available upon request by contacting the Secretary at or [ttervalon@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:ttervalon@berkeleyca.gov)*

## SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

### Motion to Adjourn at 8:34

**M/S/C: Lippman/Elias**

**Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisburg, Marasovic, Mencher, Elias, Taylor, Lee, Sani, Morizawa, Lippman, McNeil and Press**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: Commissioner Fink**

**Excused: None**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tasha Tervalon,  
Secretary Peace and Justice Commission

Date \_\_\_\_\_