



## **BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Teleconference Location – 16 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Shoshana O’Keefe, and Brent Blackaby

Alternate: Mayor Adena Ishii

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Ishii (for Kesarwani), O'Keefe, Blackaby

## Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.*

### 1. Minutes - March 23, 2026

**Action:** M/S/C (O'Keefe/Blackaby) to approve the March 23, 2026 minutes.

**Vote:** Ayes – O'Keefe, Blackaby; Noes – None; Abstain – Ishii; Absent – None.

## Committee Action Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.*

*Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.*

2. **Surveillance Technology Ordinance Submissions for Community Video Streams and Investigative Software, Pursuant to Council Direction of May 7, 2026** *(Item contains supplemental material)*

**From: City Manager**

**Referred: May 7, 2026**

**Due: October 22, 2026**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution to:

1. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy (BPD Policy 1306) for Community Video Streams, pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code (B.M.C.) Chapter 2.99.
2. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy (BPD Policy 1307) for Investigative Software, pursuant to B.M.C. Chapter 2.99.

**Financial Implications:** See Report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

**Action:** 5 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/O’Keefe) to provide feedback to the Berkeley Police Department regarding the proposed Community Video Streams and Investigative Software Surveillance Use Policies with the following requested revisions and clarifications:

1. Clarify how participating camera locations will be verified and address liability considerations if cameras are moved.
2. Develop a process for notifying camera owners when their camera footage is accessed.
3. Remove vendor-specific references from the acquisition report.
4. Clarify policies governing access to real-time/live video monitoring and the circumstances under which such access is authorized.
5. Provide additional information regarding the use of artificial intelligence and ensure human oversight of investigative decisions.
6. Identify data sources used by the investigative software and consider including such information in annual reporting.
7. Clarify which personnel will be authorized to access the investigative software.
8. Strengthen audit provisions to verify authorized use of the software.
9. Incorporate revisions contained in the supplemental materials, including the 72-hour immigration-related language.
10. Clarify that the Community Video Streams program does not include audio recording.
11. Clarify retention periods and liability considerations associated with retained data.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Unscheduled Items

*These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.*

- **None**

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Ishii/O'Keefe) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 2, 2026.

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Wendy Sorensen, Assistant City Clerk

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