

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

March 25, 2026

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet
District 3 – Todd Darling
District 4 – Robert Kinosian

District 5 – Jacob Dadmun
District 6 – Greg Murphy*
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste
District 8 – Theo Gordon**

Minutes

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm
Present: Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste
Late: Darling 7:09pm Katz, 7:11pm
Absent: Gordon

Public Present - 2

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion –
*Agenda approved as amended by **Acclamation***

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public speakers: 2

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report

REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular Agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

3. **Action:** Minutes of February 25, 2026
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the February 25, 2026, regular meeting.
Written Material: DFSC February 25, 2026 Draft Minutes
Motion to Approve: Kinosian
Second: Dadmun
Vote:
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste

Nays: 0
Absent: Gordon

4. **Discussion/Action:** BEAR DFSC Recommendation (Herzer-Baptiste)

Recommendation: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (DFSC) recommends that an ad-hoc committee be initiated to evaluate the feasibility, fiscal impact, and operational structure of reviving the Berkeley Emergency Alternative Response (BEAR) program, and to report back with findings and recommendations

Written Material: Recommendation DFSC
Motion to Approve: Kinosian
Second: Darling
Vote:
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptist

Nays: 0
Absent: Gordon

Vote to approve the Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Herzer-Baptiste (Chair), Wilson, Katz, Kinosian and to bring back to DFSC no later than May 20, 2026

Motion to Approve: Murphy
Second: Bradstreet
Vote:
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste

Nays:
Absent: Gordon

5. **Discussion/Action:** Support Position on SB (Pérez) – Insurance Coverage for Fire-Safe Homes Act. (Katz)

Recommendation: Adopt an official Support position on Senate Bill 1076 (Perez), the Insurance Coverage for Fire-safe Homes Act, and authorize and direct the Mayor or City Manager or designee to send letters of support to Senator Sasha Rene Pérez, Senator Jesse Arréquin, representing Berkeley in the California State Senate, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks

Written Material: Draft Report to City Council
Motion to Approve: Herzer-Baptiste
Second: Wilson

Vote:
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste

Nays: 0
Absent: Gordon

6. **Discussion/Action:** Support Position on SB 894 (Allen), the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program. (Katz),

Recommendation: Adopt an official Support position on Senate Bill 894 (Allen), the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program, and authorize and direct the Mayor or City Manager or designee to send letters of support to Senator Sasha Rene Pérez, Senator Jesse Arréquin, representing Berkeley in the California State Senate, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks

Written Material: Draft Report To City Council
Motion to Approve: Kinosian
Second: Dadmun

Vote:
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dadmun, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste

Nays: 0
Absent: Gordon

7. Work Group Reports

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight
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- Neighborhood Fire Resiliency
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- Safe Passages
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- Community Outreach
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- Street Trauma Prevention Program
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Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- Mega Fire Prevention package
- Work Group

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn Herzer-Baptiste /
Second Wilson
Adjourn by Acclamation 8:40 PM

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May* 3/26/2026

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