

# DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 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\*\*

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Preliminary Matters

##### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Present: Wilson, Bradstreet, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon, Kinosian

Late:

Absent: Katz, Darling

LOA: Dadmun

##### Public Present - 7

##### Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion –*

Motion to Approve: Wilson

Second: Gordon

*Agenda approved by Acclamation*

##### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*Public speakers: 0*

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

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

3. **Action/Discussion:** Minutes of April 22, 2026 (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Draft Minutes of April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting.

**Written Material:** DFSC April 22, 2026 Draft Minutes

Motion to Approve: Gordon

Second: Herzer-Baptiste

Vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste  
Gordon

Abstain:

Absent: Katz, Darling

LOA: Dadmund

4. **Discussion/Action:** Requesting Alternative Budget Cuts to Those Proposed by The City Manager (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** The DFSC Approves a Written Memo to Request the Mayor and City Council Consider Other Budget Cutting Measure Than some of the Cuts Proposed by the City Manager.

**Written Material:** Draft Memo To City Council – With Friendly Amendment

Motion to Approve: Wilson -

Second: Herzer-Baptiste

Vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

Abstain: None

Absent: Katz; Darling

LOA: Dadmun

5. **Discussion/Action:** Recommendation to City Council on Measures GG/FF

Tax Rate Adjustments (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** Approve the increase to use the 2027 PIG Tax Rate Adjustments..

**Written Material:** Memo To The Budget Office

Motion to Approve: Wilson  
Second: Herzer-Baptiste

Vote:  
Ayes: Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

Abstain: None

Absent: Katz, Darling

LOA: Dadmun

6. **Discussion/Action:** 2026 Joint Megafire Prevention Package (Katz)

**Recommendation:** Adopt Official Support Positions On All Thirteen Bills Comprising the 2026 Joint Megafire Prevention Package and Authorize and Direct the Mayor, City Manager, or Designee to Transmit Letters of Support To Each Bill's Author and to Senator Jesse Arreguin and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Representing Berkeley in the California Legislature.

**Written Material:** DFSC Report To Council (including letters of support)

Motion to Approve: Wilson  
Second: Gordon

Vote:  
Ayes: Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

Abstain: None

Absent: Katz, Darling

LOA: Dadmun

7. **Discussion/Action:** Street Trauma Prevention Program One Year Update  
(Staff/ UC Berkeley Team)

**Recommendation:** None

**Written Material:** PowerPoint Presentation

Public Comment: 2

8. **Discussion/Action:** City of Berkeley FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Application (Wilson)

**Recommendation:** Approve A Letter of Support for the City of Berkeley FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All That Is Led by the Berkeley Fire Department for Its Street Trauma Prevention Program (STPP).

**Written Material:** Draft Letter to reference the source “In the City of Berkeley, an average of 694 people are injured and five are killed in street trauma each year, with severe and fatal collisions disproportionately affecting people walking and biking”

Public Comment: 1  
Motion to Approve: Kinosian  
Second: Gordon  
Vote:  
Ayes:  
Abstain:  
Absent: Katz, Darling  
LOA: Dadmun

9. **Discussion/Action:** Work Plan FY 26/27 (Murphy) **Deferred**

**Recommendation:** Review Work Plan and select Work Group To Participate and/or Lead

**Written Material:** 2026-2027 DFSC Work Plan

Motion to Approve:  
Second:  
Vote:  
Ayes:  
Abstain:  
Absent:  
LOA:

#### 10. **Work Group Reports**

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Neighborhood Fire Resiliency
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Street Trauma Prevention Program

Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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**Motion to Adjournment**  
**Motion: Herzer-Baptiste**  
**Second: Gordon**  
**Adjourn 8:49 PM**

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**SECRETARY SIGNATURE**

*Keith May*      5/21/2026