

# DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2025

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 – Shirley Dean  
District 6 – Greg Murphy\*  
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste  
District 8 – Theo Gordon\*\*

### AGENDA

#### Preliminary Matters

**Call to Order: 7:05 pm**

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

Late: Katz 7:09 pm, Darling 7:11 pm

Absent: Bradstreet

LOA:

Public Present 8

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion –*

*Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation or Vote?*

#### 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 June 25, 2025 (Murphy)
- Recommendation:** Approve the draft minutes of the June 25, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- Public speakers:** 0
- Motion: To approve the draft minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Motion to approve: Kinosian  
Second: Wilson  
Vote: Ayes: Wilson, Kinosian, Dean, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon
- Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Katz, Darling, Bradstreet
- Written Material:** DFSC 6/25/25 Regular Meeting Minutes
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- 4. Action/Discussion:** Update on the Commission Recommendation on Transfer tax Rebate for Home Hardening (Katz)
- Recommendation:** Adopt Recommendation to City Council of Updated Transfer Tax Rebate Recommendation.
- Public speakers:**
- Motion: Approve the recommended changes and amendments as spelled out in the Update on the Commission Recommendation on Transfer Tax Rebate for Home Hardening.
- Motion to approve: Katz  
Second: Darling  
Vote: Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Darling, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon
- Nays: None  
Abstain: Dean  
Absent: Bradstreet
- Written Material:** (1) Recommendation to Council “Remove Pre-transfer Eligibility Restriction of the Transfer Tax Rebate for Wildfire Hardening”. (2) Updated Transfer Tax Rebate Recommendation.
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- 5. Action/Discussion:** Evacuation Time Study Presentation (Staff)
- Recommendation:** None

**Public speakers: 4**

Motion: Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes put forth at 9:00pm

Motion to approve: Herzer-Baptiste

Second: Gordon

Vote: Ayes: Katz, Darling, Dean, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

Nays: Kinosian

Absent: Bradstreet

**Written Material:** PowerPoint Presentation

## 6. Work Group Reports

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Fire Resiliency
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Street Trauma Prevention

**Written Materials:**

**Presentation:**

## 7. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- Discussion on the Evacuation Time Study
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Motion to Adjourn: Kinosian

Second Wilson

**Approved By Acclamation**

**Adjournment 9:27 pm**

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May* 9/18/2025