

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:36 with Layla Dargahi presiding as temporary Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Swasti Johri, Philip Monrad, Steven Sherman, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson, Barun Singh, Layla Dargahi

LOA: Sandra Curtis

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 2

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 2

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Dargahi/Singh) to approve the February 18, 2026 meeting agenda.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Sandra Curtis
- **Approval of the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Monrad) to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Sandra Curtis
- **Public Comment**
2 public comments. No Action Taken.
 - 1 Comment from William Chui describing the Stooping Club's current initiatives in Berkeley; berkeleystooping.org
- **Commissioner Announcements**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Staff Updates**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Commissioner Elections for Chair and Vice Chair**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Dargahi/ Sherman) to elect Steven Sherman as Commission Chair.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Sandra Curtis
Action Taken: M/S/C (Wilson/ Uyat) to elect Claire Wilson as Commission Vice Chair.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Sandra Curtis
- **Review the initiatives in the Zero Waste Strategic Plan**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- **Steven Sherman- Ocean Plastics Presentation**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- **Subcommittee Updates**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Public Comment: 0

- Discussion and update on CARB laws – Claire Wilson
- Continue discussion of Transfer Station Rebuild and other Zero Waste Strategic Plan initiatives
- Discuss special events ordinance
- Reflect on previous work plan
- Vote to refine Zero Waste Commission Work Plan for upcoming fiscal year, including implementation through advocacy and marketing
- Discuss potential Commission field trip to model SUDs sites
- Discuss writing a formal recommendation to relocate the Berkeley Zero Waste Division

- **Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.**

M/S/C (Dargahi/ Uyat) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Sandra Curtis

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

Julia A. Heath, Secretary