

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 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: 7:06 pm
Present: Murphy, Gordon, Bradstreet, Herzer-Baptiste, Wilson, Kinosian, Katz
Late: Dean 7:12 pm, Darling 7:35 pm
Absent:
LOA:

Public Present - 2

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion – Agenda item #9 has been pulled from the Agenda as AB 612 died in the State Appropriations Committee on May 23, 2025.

Agenda approved as amended 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 23, 2025 (Murphy)

Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the April 23, 2025 regular meeting

Written Material: DFSC 4/23/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Motion to approve: Bradstreet

Second: Gordon

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

Nayes: 0

Abstain: Kinosian, Dean
- 4. Discussion:** Measure GG/FF Budget Presentation Part 2 (Staff)

Recommendation: None

Written Material: 3rd Quarter Reports

Public Comment: 2
- 5. Action/Discussion:** Recommendation to City Council on the Measure GG/FF Tax Rate Adjustments (Murphy)

Recommendation: Approve the increase to use the 2026 PIG Tax Rate Adjustments.

Written Material: Memo to Berkeley Budget Office

Motion: *Recommend the PIG Tax Rate*

Motion to approve: Kinosian

Second: Wilson

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

Nayes: 0

Abstain: 0
- 6. Discussion/Action:** EMBER Ordinance & Building Codes (Murphy)

Recommendation: Support of proposed EMBER Ordinance and Change to Building Codes Improving Fire Resilience

Written Material: Draft Memo To Council

Motion: Motion to send Memo as Amended to City Council

Motion to approve: Gordon

Second: Katz

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

Nays: 0

Public Comment: 2

7. Discussion/Action: 25/26 DFSC Work Plan

Recommendation: Amendment and Approval of Individual Activities Proposed in a 2025-2026 DFSC Work Plan That Will Be Finalized and Submitted To City Council for Approval
After discussion of the item, it has been pulled to clean up the draft work plan and bring the item back for a vote at the next DFSC meeting

Written Material: Draft 25/26 DFSC Work Plan

8. Discussion/Action: Reschedule August 6, 2025 Regular DFSC Meeting

Recommendation: Reschedule 8/6/2025 Regular Meeting to 8/20/2025

Motion: *Change August 6, 2025 Regular meeting to August 20, 2025*

Motion to approve: Wilson

Second: Herzer-Baptiste

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

Nays: 0

9. Discussion/Action: Letter To Assemblymember Wicks Re: AB612 (Wilson) **Item Pulled from Agenda**

Recommendation: Request Berkeley City Council to send the attached recommendation to Assemblyman Wicks adding section 14033.5 to the Government Code, as follows: *"On or before July 1, 2026, the department shall*

update the Highway Design Manual to direct local governments to consult with local fire departments when making road improvements to ensure the improvements do not negatively impact emergency response times.”

Written Material: Draft Report to Berkeley City Council and AB 601 Analysis May 2025

10. Work Group Reports

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan& Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Vision Zero

11. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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Adjournment: 20:45 By Acclamation

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