



**CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, November 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

***Committee Members (10):* ✓=Present**

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Igor Tregub ✓
Council District 6	Councilmember Brent Blackaby ✓
Council District 7	Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra ✓
Council District 8	Councilmember Mark Humbert
Mayor (Alternate)	Mayor Adena Ishii ✓
UC Berkeley	Alfred Day, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Support and Belonging ✓
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations ✓
ASUC Undergraduate (Meeting Chair)	Calvin Yang, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Sanjna Shah, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC ✓
Graduate Assembly	Jose Aguilar, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly
Graduate Assembly	Norris Davis, Legislative Director, Office of the External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓

AGENDA

1. Roll Call – 11:12 AM

2. Public Comment on non-agenda matters
 - a. Thirteen members of the public were present for the meeting.
 - b. Five members of the public provided public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2025, Meeting
 - a. **M/S/C Lunaparra/Blackaby** to approve minutes of September 17, 2025, as written.
 - b. Vote:
 - Ayes:* Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Day, Lizardo, Yang, Shah, Davis
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* Ishii
 - Absent:* Aguilar

4. Discussion of the City of Berkeley's EMBER initiative, including campus implementation and support and Fire safety for Northside student housing
 - a. Presentation provided by City of Berkeley Fire Department
 - City staff provided overview of EMBER program with the focus on vegetation management
 - Discussion included ideas related to reaching out to student communities such as Greek life and accessibility of city resources as the program evolves.
 - b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

5. Scooters and Bicycles in the City/Campus interface – policies and infrastructure
 - a. Discussion item regarding future of scooters on campus
 - Efforts around corrals and working with scooter vendors were discussed with a focus on safety and keeping wheelchair accessible pathways clear
 - Discussed the idea of mobility hubs: connecting scooters to broader transit options
 - Discussed signage and clarity of campus rules and an education campaign
 - Discussed interest in keeping this item on the agenda to monitor progress
 - b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

6. Discuss City Infrastructure: Request for a stop sign on Berkeley Way and Shattuck Avenue
 - a. Discussed need to identify funding
 - b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

7. Developing a safe parking site for unhoused residents in Berkeley
 - a. Discussed the idea of using safety funds to utilize the Ashby Bart Garage for overnight shelter for students who live in their cars.
 - b. Discussion focused on the significant safety issues related to using garages for shelter and that efforts are focused on preventing students from becoming unhoused and successful initiatives like the RV buy-back program.
 - c. Questions regarding data and how many students are impacted
 - d. LRDP funding is for shared initiatives, so this funding is not appropriate for this proposal.
 - e. Discussed the need to ensure eligible students are accessing University resources.
 - f. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

8. Use of LRDP Settlement Funds
 - a. Various Committee members described their priorities for future use of LRDP funding. These included:
 - Some ideas presented included:
 1. Placemaking in the Northside
 2. Clean up where Euclid meets Campus with long term plans for lights, trees and improved sidewalks
 3. Lighting on the south side of campus
 4. Scooter rule signage
 - b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.

9. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2025, 11 am – 1 pm, City of Berkeley
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: Cecilia Lunaparra, Council Member for District 7.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:

- City Infrastructure
 - Potholes on Parker Street
 - Corner light at Bancroft Way and Ellsworth (Across from eth RSF Garage entrance)
 - Micromobility
 - Incoming student orientation content
 - Student lighting master plan

10. Adjournment

a. **M/S/C Ishii/Lunaparra** to approve adjournment of meeting.

b. Vote:

Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Ishii, Day, Lizardo, Yang, Shah, Davis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Aguilar

c. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.