



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

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, February 27, 2026

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 (Meeting Chair)	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	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 – 11:05 AM
2. Public Comment on non-agenda matters

- a. Five members of the public were present for the meeting.
 - b. No members of the public provided public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2025 Meeting
- a. **M/S/C Humbert/Tregub** to approve minutes of the November 21, 2025 meeting as written.
 - b. Vote:
 - Ayes:* Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Yang, Davis
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* None
 - Absent:* Lizardo, Shah, Aguilar
4. Incorporating city input and materials into incoming student orientation content
- a. Chair Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember for District 7, gave brief opening remarks for this item.
 - b. Micki Antovich, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of New Student Services for the University, was present to provide an overview and answer committee questions on Golden Bear Orientation (GBO) materials and processes.
 - c. Discussion largely centered on ideas and input from Councilmembers on how GBO materials/curricula could better integrate students into city life as well as campus life, with comments and questions specifically focused on:
 - Transfer students and their needs;
 - Enhancing civic engagement for new and transfer students, including ideas like orientation sessions for those who are interested in civic engagement as an academic/career track;
 - Specific information on Berkeley resources and processes like voter registration, the Berkeley Rent Board, acceptance of (and match up to \$15) of EBT at Berkeley Farmers' Markets, micromobility safety, and emergency preparedness and evacuation routes and protocols;
 - The sheer amount of information coming at new students during GBO, and how to time and frame any information appropriately so it can be heard and internalized by students;
 - Partnerships with external stakeholder groups such as Visit Berkeley, Downtown Berkeley Association, and Northside merchants for marketing and engagement with local businesses;

- A session (such as an ice cream social) available for students wishing to meet and get to know the Councilmembers of City Council Districts adjacent to the Campus, with discussion around an event where all four Councilmembers could be present.
 - d. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
- 5. Campus updates on Fiat Lux walk and campus lighting projects.
 - a. Chair Lunaparra advised the Committee that Director Lizardo, who had been prepared to provide an overview on this agenda item for the Campus, was unexpectedly out on medical leave, and she recommended continuing the item to the April 24 4x6 Committee meeting agenda.
 - b. ASUC EAVP Yang provided brief remarks on the Fiat Lux walk that took place on Campus on January 13, 2026, summarizing main take-aways which included increased consideration of lighting projects near Doe Library and the Crescent Lawn; soliciting more feedback from students as to their priority areas for more lighting, understanding the time and resources needed for new lighting projects; and incorporating lighting into existing campus infrastructure improvement projects.
 - c. Brief discussion around ensuring that Councilmembers in districts adjacent to the Campus, as well as the Mayor, be advised as to the dates of future Fiat Lux walks, to the extent such walks extend into City streets.
 - d. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
- 6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2026, 11 am – 1 pm (Staff Secretary committed to sending calendar holds to all committee members with more advanced notice).
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: TBD (Calvin Yang, ASUC EAVP, was suggested to serve as next Chair but noted a schedule conflict, committing to correspond with ASUC LGR Director Shah about her capacity to serve; Chair Lunaparra volunteered to serve as Chair in the event neither could be present).
 - Next meeting location: it was suggested and the Committee agreed future that 4x6 meetings be hosted in a Brown Act compliant room at Berkeley City Hall moving forward.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Updates/discussion on Fiat Lux walk, campus lighting projects, and city street lighting plans from Public Works;

- PW presentation on potential designs for Zachary's Corner;
- Campus development updates on:
 - People's Park: Supportive housing and use of open space
 - Cal Softball Field Renovation
 - Cal Beach Volleyball Complex
 - Bancroft Parking Structure Replacement;
- Impacts of construction projects on Oxford/Bancroft corridor, especially with respect to bicyclist and pedestrian safety;
- Continuing discussions on micromobility;
- Use of LRDP funding;
- Planned protest activity management
- Berkeley pier project at the Berkeley Marina
- Civic Innovation challenge overview

7. Adjournment

a. **M/S/C Lunaparra/Blackaby** to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM.

b. Vote:

Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Yang, Davis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lizardo, Shah, Aguilar