

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:35 p.m. with Steven Sherman presiding as temporary Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sandra Curtis, Swasti Johri, Philip Monrad, Swasti Johri, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson

LOA: Dennis Uyat, Layla Dargahi, Barun Singh

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 3

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Curtis) to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting agenda.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Dennis Uyat, Layla Dargahi, Barun Singh
- **Approval of the November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Johri) to approve the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Dennis Uyat, Layla Dargahi, Barun Singh
- **Public Comment**
1 public comment. No Action Taken.
- **Commissioner Announcements**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Staff Updates**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
- **Discuss Upcoming Commissioner Elections Happening at the February Commission Meeting**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
Public Comment: 0
- **Discuss potential memo regarding business license to waste compliance**
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
Public Comment: 0
- **Discuss how to move quicker and more efficiently in our goals as a commission**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

- Discuss Transfer Station rebuild talking points

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 1

- **Subcommittee Updates**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 1

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Public Comment: 0

- Vote on Chair and Co-Chair
- Review the initiatives in the Strategic Plan
- Steven Sherman/ Sandy Curtis- Ocean Plastics Presentations (Methodology and Results)
- Discuss CARB laws (city fleets and transition to EVs for garbage trucks)

- **Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.**

M/S/C (Wilson/Curtis) 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, February 18, 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