



CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, July 1, 2025
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza Building
18th Floor Large Conference Room
1200 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Cindy Lin (D1), Josh Dean (D2), Mahayla Slackerelli (D3), Madison Swayne (D4), Alexa Marie Kerr (D5), Kelly Lyndon (D6), Whitney Pearce (D7), Jason Anderson (Mayoral), JD Weidman (Mayoral), Kelly Mills (Mayoral), Amy Ly (Mayoral), Tanisha-Jean Martin (Mayoral), Cristina Marquez (Mayoral), Staff Liaison: Andrew Martin

Item 1: Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) called roll: (members in attendance)

| Board Member | Seat | Attendance |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) | Mayoral | Yes |
| Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) | D6 | Yes |
| Cristina Marquez | Mayoral | Yes |
| Amy Ly | Mayoral | No |
| Kelly Mills | Mayoral | Yes |
| JD Weidman | Mayoral | Yes |
| Jason Anderson | Mayoral | No |
| Cindy Lin | D1 | No |
| Josh Dean | D2 | Yes |
| Mahayla Slackerelli | D3 | Yes |
| Madison Swayne | D4 | No |
| Alexa Marie Kerr | D5 | Yes |
| Whitney Pearce | D7 | Yes |
| Vacant | D8 | X |
| Vacant | D9 | X |

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda (Action)

JD Weidman (member) moved to adopt the day's agenda; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

A copy of the minutes from the March 4, 2025, meeting will be distributed for approval at the August meeting.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)

Staff

None

Board Members

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) congratulated the City on its Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) A-List award and asked staff to describe it. Shelby Busó (City of San Diego, Chief Sustainability Officer) explained that by documenting that it is a safe risk regarding climate, the City ensures that investments stay here in San Diego. Getting on the A list is the highest accolade—fewer than 200 cities across the world are on that list. The submission is done in partnership with the Department of Finance and other City departments and includes information about climate resilience work.

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) welcomed two climate ambassadors, one of whom just joined the Community Forest Advisory Board, as guests to the meeting.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 7: Board Recommendations on Climate Advisory Board D8 & D9 Vacancies (discussion, possible action)

Chida Warren-Darby (Director of Appointments/Boards and Commissions) provided information about vacancies across all City boards and commissions and described the process for member nominations and appointments. Ms. Warren-Darby answered questions about the member reappointment process, members serving beyond their expiration date, and how to provide feedback to the San Diego City Council and the Mayor's Office.

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) distributed a letter she drafted requesting that the District 8 and 9 council members nominate applicants to the Climate Advisory Board by August 2025. Board discussion followed.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to send the letter to the Boards and Commissions Office; JD Weidman (member) seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Board Recommendations on Climate Action Plan Information Request (discussion, possible action)

Whitney Pearce (member) reported that the Ad Hoc Committee to Advise on Climate Action Plan (CAP) Reporting, Implementation, and Budgets had previously met with City staff to learn about tracking toward CAP implementation, goals, and metrics, but did not obtain the desired information. The ad hoc committee drafted a letter asking staff to provide an update on several items related to the CAP at the August meeting of the Climate Advisory Board.

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) responded to questions addressing the following topics outlined in the letter:

- Climate Action Implementation Plan
- Climate Action Plan Dashboard
- CAP Annual Reports and Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Updates
- 2027 CAP Update

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) requested that staff pause their remarks in the interest of time and resume during the August meeting; staff agreed.

Alexa Marie Kerr (member) moved to switch the order of Items 9 and 10; Whitney Pearce (member) seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Board Recommendations on Assembly Bill 306 Building Codes (discussion, possible action)

Josh Dean (member) provided an update on Assembly Bill 306. Since the Ad Hoc Committee to Advise on CAP Reporting, Implementation, and Budgets drafted its recommendation letter, the bill has been combined with several other housing-related bills and passed, making the recommendation letter void. The Board discussed other actions the City might take in response and requested that staff keep the Board updated.

Member Alexa Marie Kerr left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

Item 9: Board Recommendations on Senate Bill 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots (discussion, possible action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair; member, Ad Hoc Committee on Energy Cooperation Agreement) provided an update on the state's natural gas utilities' upcoming neighborhood decarbonization pilot projects. Ms. Lyndon presented a draft letter to the Mayor and city Council requesting that the City participate in these pilot projects.

Board discussion followed. JD Weidman suggested that any aligned CAP measures be added to the letter.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to amend the letter to include a reference to the CAP measure(s) it supports and then send it to the Mayor and the Chair of the City Council Environment Committee; Mahayla Slackerelli (member) seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The Board discussed upcoming meeting dates, times, and locations. Future meetings will be held on the 4th Floor of the Civic Center Plaza Building. The dates are anticipated to be:

- Aug. 12, 2025
- Sept. 16, 2025

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) will send a poll to members to identify meeting times.

Mahayla Slackerelli (member) requested a San Diego Community Power presentation on the San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN).

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) and Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) requested a continuation of the Item 8 discussion.

JD Weidman (member) requested an update from staff on the Street Design Manual.

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) suggested a follow-up on State Assembly Bill 306/130.

Shelby Busó (Chief Sustainability Officer) suggested a presentation on the Home Electrification Affordability Rebates and Technical Assistance (HEART) program.

Item 12: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.