

The City of
SAN DIEGO
CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza Building
4th Floor Conference Room
1200 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Board Members: Cindy Lin (D1), Josh Dean (D2), Mahayla Slackerelli (D3), Madison Swayne (D4), Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair, D6), Whitney Pearce (D7), Ronald Diaz, (D8), Dustin DeMatteo (D9), JD Weidman (Mayoral), Kelly Mills (Mayoral), Amy Ly (Mayoral), Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair, Mayoral), Cristina Marquez (Mayoral),

Staff Liaison: Andrew Martin, City Planning Department

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call (12:00 p.m.)

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present (arrived at 12:08 p.m.)
JD Weidman	Mayoral	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	X
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present (arrived at 12:04 p.m.)
Madison Swayne	D4	Present
Vacant	D5	X
Whitney Pearce	D7	Absent
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Absent

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Cindy Lin (member) read the Land Acknowledgement.

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order (Action)

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) moved to adopt the agenda without modification, seconded by Cristina Marquez (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Cristina Marquez (member) moved to approve the minutes for the November 10, 2025, meeting without modification, seconded by JD Weidman (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)**Staff**

- Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) informed the Board that staff will contact them for information needed for the annual City Boards & Commissions Standardized Report. He also announced that a Stakeholder Workshop on the 2025 Status Update for the Climate Action Implementation Plan will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Board

- Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) updated the Board on the progress of SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Zone Pilot Projects implementation and eligible census tracts within the city.
- Mahayla Slackerelli (member) notified the Board of San Diego Green Drinks, a monthly networking event for professionals and enthusiasts interested in sustainability. She will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. on December 18, 2025, at a location to be determined.
- Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) notified the Board that the Urban Sustainability Coalition holiday party will take place on December 10, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Senior Resource Center.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 7: Report on Presentation of Climate Advisory Board 2025 Annual Report to City**Council Environment Committee (Information)**

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) debriefed the Board on the Climate Advisory Board Annual Report that she presented to the City Council Environment Committee on November 13, 2025.

Item 8: Nominations and Election of Board Chair for 2026 (Action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) nominated Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) to serve as Board Chair for 2026, seconded by Cristina Marquez (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: Nominations and Election of Board Vice Chair for 2026 (Action)

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) nominated Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) to serve as Board Vice-Chair for 2026, seconded by Cindy Lin (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Consideration of Board Secretary for 2026 (Discussion, Possible Action)

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) moved to create a Board officer position of Board Secretary, seconded by Cristina Marquez (member); motion passed unanimously.

Cristina Marquez (member) nominated JD Weidman (member) to serve as Board Secretary for 2026, seconded by Cindy Lin (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: City Planning Department Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) presented an overview of the following initiatives included in the City Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program that support Climate Action Plan implementation:

- Climate Action Implementation Plan Update
- Climate Action Plan Update
- Transitioning to Healthy and Sustainable Buildings
- HEART Program
- Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Street Design Manual Update
- Streets for All
- Community Plan Updates
- Inclusive Public Engagement Guide

For each initiative, the presentation provided an overview, weblinks, staff lead, timeline and current status, public engagement opportunities, and opportunities for the Climate Advisory Board.

Item 12: Climate Advisory Board 2026 Work Plan (Discussion)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) led a discussion of the Work Plan survey results, Board priorities, and a suggested schedule to develop the 2026 work plan.

Public Comment

Sydney Tesch (member of the public): Asked that the Board meet in each City Council District and rotate Districts, that the Board align its Work Plan with the City's fiscal year, and that efforts be made to align the Climate Advisory Board and Resiliency Advisory Board on coastal and marine issues.

Paul Meccurio (member of the public): Asked that the Board prioritize Climate Action Plan action BE-1.2a, focusing on building electrification in all new buildings, and that the Board examine building code and nitrogen oxides rules.

Maya Prunty (member of the public): Asked that urban canyon restoration be made a Board priority and include clear metrics and equity criteria for canyon projects, especially in Communities of Concern. Urban canyon management should include community-identified actions and community-guided priorities.

Sophie Tesluk (member of the public): Asked the Board to develop and define a specific goal to protect and restore blue carbon ecosystems as an important carbon sink, including salt marshes, kelp forests, and eelgrass meadows.

Tess Noone (online member of the public): Asked that the Board include a focus on coastal salt marsh ecosystems. While DeAnza Natural Plan is a good model, the 2024

Climate Action Plan Annual Report did not mention clear next steps in wetland restoration as an effective solution to climate change.

Item 13: End-of-Year Roundtable (Discussion)

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) led a discussion of the survey sent to Board members by the Work Plan ad-hoc committee, highlighting the major issues and areas of focus that were identified.

Item 14: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.