



CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, January 13, 2026

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
JD Weidman (Secretary)	Mayoral	Present
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Remote via Zoom, just cause not provided*
Vacant	Mayoral	X
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present (arrived at 12:01 p.m.)
Madison Swayne	D4	Absent
Vacant	D5	X
Whitney Pearce	D7	Present
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Present

*Not counted for quorum

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Amy Ly (member) read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

Cristina Marquez (member) moved to adopt the agenda without modification. The motion to approve the agenda without modification was seconded by JD Weidman (Board Secretary) and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to adopt the minutes for the December 2, 2025, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes was seconded by Mahayla Slackerelli (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)

None.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Item 7: 2025 Status Update of the Climate Action Implementation Plan (Discussion, Possible Action)

The Board led a discussion on the 2025 Status Update of the Climate Action Implementation Plan and directed questions on the Status Update to City staff. The topics raised by Board members in questions to staff included: the inclusion of budget information in Status Update, the possibility of placing the 2023 Implementation Cost Analysis in the appendix of the Status Update and how to best make budgetary information available to the public; the feasibility of using the Climate Action Plan Dashboard to denote an action falling behind due to lack of funding; the accuracy of information in the Dashboard; and the timing of providing Board comments to the City Council before adoption.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to adopt the draft recommendation letter included in the agenda regarding the 2025 Status Update for the Climate Action Implementation Plan, with amendments to recommend the inclusion of the 2023 Implementation Cost Analysis in some fashion and provide plans for the update of budget information and to address the letter to both staff and City Council. The motion to approve the recommendation letter as amended was seconded by Cindy Lin (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 8: Energy Savings Performance Contracts (Discussion, Possible Action)

The Board and City staff discussed Energy Savings Performance Contracts, which as proposed would result in energy efficiency upgrades to 40 City facilities, representing approximately 10 percent of total City facilities, starting in the summer of 2026. Topics discussed included community outreach, union representation and the applicability of Public Labor Agreement (PLA) requirements.

Lindsey Hawes (staff) informed the Board that the prime contractor performed outreach to union entities, that community outreach will be conducted with local community groups and the Parks and Recreation and Library Departments, and that City PLA requirements do not apply to this type of City contracting effort. Also, that information regarding any subcontractor's status as local, union, and Small or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SDBE) would be made available if the contracting effort is approved by the City Council following execution of subcontractor agreements.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to amend the draft recommendation letter included in the agenda regarding ESCP Portfolio 1 to include recommendations for the City to generate a report on the prime contractors outreach to SDBEs and local trades, as well as the designation of each subcontractor as local, union, and SDBE, and that City Council consider expanding PLA requirements to apply similar contracts in the future. The motion to approve the recommendation letter as amended was seconded by Cindy Lin (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 9: Climate Advisory Board 2026 Work Plan (Discussion)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) presented a report from the ad hoc committee on Climate Action Plan Reporting, Implementation and Budgets that addressed the following:

- Future Work Plans will be aligned to fiscal year instead of calendar year. The 2026 Work Plan will cover 18 months.
- The Work Plan is organized around six objectives:
 1. Strengthen Climate Advisory Board Governance, Effectiveness, And Accountability
 2. Advance Equitable Building Decarbonization
 3. Elevate Equitable Mobility & Mode Shift
 4. Support additional Climate Action Plan Strategies
 5. Elevate the Climate Equity Fund
 6. Suggest Improvements to Climate Action Plan Transparency and Public Understanding

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) will take the lead on incorporating Board members' interests on the above objectives into the 2026 Work Plan and, if appropriate, developing an ad hoc committee.

Item 10: 2026 Climate Advisory Board Meeting Dates (Discussion, Possible Action)

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) invited Board members to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Parade on January 24th.

JD Weidman (Board Secretary) led a discussion on procedures for Board members to communicate their availability in advance to help ensure the Board achieves quorum at its meetings.

Item 11: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) asked Board members to identify and invite presenters from their respective districts.

Item 12: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.