

The City of

CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 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 (12:03 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair), who chaired the meeting in Tanisha-Jean Martin’s (Chair) absence.

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Absent
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
JD Weidman (Board Secretary)	Mayoral	Present
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Absent
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Absent
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Absent
Madison Swayne	D4	Present – Left at 12:45
Vacant	D5	Absent
Whitney Pearce	D7	Present
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Present

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Ronald Diaz (member) read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

Whitney Pearce (member) moved to adopt the agenda without modification. The motion to approve the agenda without modification was seconded by Cristina Marquez (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Cindy Lin (member) moved to adopt the minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes without amendment was seconded by Madison Swayne (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)

Staff

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) informed the Board that San Diego Community Power has opened another cycle of Community Clean Energy Grants, and that City staff are examining the funding opportunities. Applications must propose projects or programs that serve Community Power customers and be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status or another tax-exempt organization (such as a public agency or higher education institution) with proven experience serving community members through projects or programs.

Kelley Stanco (Deputy Director, City Planning Department), informed the Board that California Senate Bill 707 (2025) may, among other things, allow certain City of San Diego boards and commissions to achieve quorum more flexibly with remote attendance and is currently under review by the City's Office of Boards and Commissions and the Office of the City Attorney prior to implementation. For the remote attendance provisions of the law to take effect, the City Council would need to pass a resolution. The soonest the law can take effect is July 1, 2026.

Board

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) notified the Board that, following Board approval in the January 13, 2026, meeting, two advisory letters were sent to the City. The "Climate Advisory Board Recommendations on Energy Savings Performance Contract Portfolio 1" letter has been sent to City Council. The "Climate Advisory Board Recommendations Informed by Public Input on the Draft 2025 Status Update for the Climate Action Implementation Plan" letter is being routed for docketing.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Anne Feye (member of the public) updated the Board on two tree-related items. First, the budget justification for the Urban Forestry Program was presented to the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the City Council during the previous week. Second, she commented on concerns related to upcoming "Zone Zero" requirements, specifically that these requirements could be interpreted in a way that pressures homeowners to remove trees, which would conflict with the City's climate and urban forestry goals.

Item 7: General Services Department Initiatives Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)

Lindsey Hawes (Program Manager, General Services Department) and Anna Lowe (Program Manager, General Services Department) presented several Department of General Services initiatives, including the Zero Emissions Municipal Buildings & Operations Policy (ZEMBOP), Fossil Fuel Elimination Plans, energy project deployment at municipal facilities, and the Public Electric Vehicle Charging Program, and addressed how these relate to implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Board discussion followed, including suggested actions the Board can take to support the initiatives and increase public awareness, the timeliness and process of reporting status of

these initiatives on the Climate Action Plan Dashboard, whether requirements for Project Labor Agreements are applicable to construction work or other services performed during energy project deployment or electric vehicle charger installation, and the specifics of the bidding process for contractors who will be installing and maintaining electric vehicle charging equipment.

Item 8: City Activities Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) presented a list of Climate Action Plan implementation activities for tracking estimated milestones relevant to the Climate Advisory Board. The list will be posted to the Board’s webpage and maintained and updated regularly.

Item 9: Proposed Climate Advisory Board 2026 Work Plan (Discussion, Possible Action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) updated the Board on work performed by the 2026 Work Plan ad-hoc committee. Following the January 13, 2026, meeting, the funding alignment heading was removed. The six objectives remain with minor revisions made to the Action Pathways column.

Public Comment

- Anne Fege (member of the public) notified the Board that she sent a letter to the Sustainability general email address containing comments on the draft Climate Action Implementation Plan and did not receive a confirmation. Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) confirmed that the letter was received by staff.

Cindy Lin (member) moved to accept the 2026 Work Plan. The motion to accept the Work Plan was seconded by JD Weidman (Board Secretary) and passed unanimously.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) dissolved the 2026 Work Plan ad-hoc committee.

Item 10: Climate Advisory Board 2026 Work Plan Next Steps (Discussion, Possible Action)

Responsibilities to track and report on each of the 2026 Work Plan’s six objectives were divided among the Board members as follows:

- Objective 1: Strengthen CAB Governance, Effectiveness, and Accountability
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair)
- Objective 2: Advance Equitable Building Decarbonization
Whitney Pearce (member)
- Objective 3: Elevate Equitable Mobility & Mode Shift
JD Weidman (member)
- Objective 4: Support Additional CAP Strategies
Kelly Mills (member)
- Objective 5: Elevate the Climate Equity Fund
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)
- Objective 6: Suggest Improvements to CAP Transparency and Public Understanding
Dustin DeMatteo (member)

Liaisons to related City Boards and Commissions were assigned as follows:

- Resiliency Advisory Board

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) and Ronald Diaz (member)

- Mobility Board
JD Weidman (member) and Dustin DeMatteo (member)
- Community Forest Advisory Board
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) and Cindy Lin (member)

Cindy Lin (member) moved to establish an ad hoc committee (the Ad Hoc Committee on Building Decarbonization to Align With Staff to Plan and Sequence CAB Engagement) to be chaired by Whitney Pearce (member) and to include Cristina Marquez (member), Josh Dean (member) and Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) as members. The motion was seconded by Cristina Marquez (member) and passed unanimously.

Kelly Mills (member) moved to establish an ad hoc committee (the Ad Hoc Committee on CAP Transparency and Public Understanding to Recommend Initial Plan) to be chaired by Dustin DeMatteo (member) and to include Ronald Diaz (member), Cindy Lin (member), and Kelly Mills (member) as members. The motion was seconded by Cristina Marquez (member) and passed unanimously.

As part of a Board initiative to have each member deliver a presentation on behalf of their district, Dustin DeMatteo (member) will give a presentation on the San Diego Zoo at the March 3, 2026, meeting, and JD Weidman (member) will present at the May 12, 2026, meeting.

Item 11: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The Board discussed that an update on SB 707 would no longer be requested for the March 3, 2026, meeting in light of the staff update provided at the February 3, 2026, meeting. The May 5, 2026, meeting will be moved to May 12, 2026, as requested by the Board. A presentation on the San Diego Regional Energy Network was requested for the April 7, 2026, meeting.

Item 12: Adjournment

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.