

The City of

CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 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 (Secretary, 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 (12:10 p.m.)

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
JD Weidman (Board Secretary)	Mayoral	Present
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Absent
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Absent
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present
Madison Swayne	D4	Absent
Vacant	D5	Absent
Whitney Pearce	D7	Remote via Zoom, just cause provided*
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Present

*Not counted for quorum

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Cristina Marquez (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 adopt 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 March 3, 2026, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes without amendment was seconded by Cristina Marquez (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)

None.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Item 7: Consider Support for Mobility Board Priorities for the City’s Budget (Discussion, Possible Action)

The Board reviewed a draft letter in support of the Mobility Board Priorities for the City’s Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. A motion by JD Weidman (Board Secretary) to approve the letter was seconded by Dustin DeMatteo (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 8: Consider Support for Circulate San Diego Recommendations for Neighborhood Homes for All of Us (Discussion, Possible Action)

The Board reviewed a draft letter in support of Circulate San Diego’s Recommendations for Neighborhood Homes for All of Us. A motion by JD Weidman (Board Secretary) to approve the letter was seconded by Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) and passed unanimously.

Item 9: This item has been withdrawn

Item 10: Public Power Feasibility Study, Phase 2 (Discussion, Possible Action)

Heather Werner (Deputy Director of Energy, Department of General Services) presented a summary of the Public Power Feasibility Study: Phase II report.

Public Comment

- Isaiah Glasoe (Public Power San Diego) commented on various assumptions used in the study, including those related to rate increases.
- Kaitlyn Hailey (San Diego Gas & Electric) made comments regarding risks to SDG&E customers and the study’s findings related to ratepayer savings.
- Luisana Gonzalez (San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce) commented in opposition to the process of transferring from SDG&E – an investor-owned utility – to a public agency.

Item 11: San Diego Climate Week (Discussion)

San Diego Climate Week begins the week of October 1st. Mahayla Slackerelli (member), Cindy Lin (member), and Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) will explore opportunities for the Board and the City to participate in and collaborate with San Diego Climate Week and report back.

Item 12: Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Action Plan Transparency and Public Understanding to Recommend Initial Plan (Discussion, Possible Action)

Dustin DeMatteo (member) spoke about work completed to date, which was focused helping the City convey information in a way that is simple, accessible, and easy to navigate. Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) dissolved the Ad-hoc Committee on Climate Action Plan Transparency and Public Understanding.

Item 13: Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Building Decarbonization to Align With Staff to Plan and Sequence Climate Advisory Board Engagement (Discussion, Possible Action)

Whitney Pearce (member) spoke about work completed to date and the City's progress in building decarbonization. Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) dissolved the Ad-hoc Committee on Building Decarbonization to Align With Staff to Plan and Sequence Climate Advisory Board Engagement.

Item 14: Reports on Related Boards (Information)

Board members provided the following updates:

- Tanisha Jean Martin (Chair) briefed the Board on Community Forestry Advisory Board activities.
- Ronald Diaz (member) briefed the Board on Resiliency Advisory Board activities.
- JD Weidman (Board Secretary) briefed the Board on the Mobility Board activities.

Item 15: City Activities Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) informed the Board on current City initiatives and answered questions from the Board.

Item 16: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Cindy Lin (member) will coordinate with WILDCOAST regarding an agenda item at the May 12, 2026, meeting. Mahayla Slackerelli (member) will coordinate with San Diego Climate Week regarding an agenda item at the June 9, 2026, meeting. Cristina Marquez (member) will work on bringing an agenda item on school district electrification to the August 11, 2026, meeting.

Item 17: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.