

The City of

CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 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 (12:04 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	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Absent
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present (left at 1:00 p.m.)
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Absent
Madison Swayne	D4	Present
Vacant	D5	Absent
Whitney Pearce	D7	Absent
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Remote via Zoom, just cause provided* (arrived at 12:46 p.m.)

*Not counted for quorum

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Madison Swayne (member) read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

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

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Cristina Marquez (member) moved to adopt the minutes for the April 7, 2026, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes without amendment was seconded by Josh Dean (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) distributed identification badges to members of the Board for use while entering the building.

Madison Swayne (member) notified the Board that San Diego State University was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct brownfield job training. The new program will launch in July 2026 and job training will start January 2027. The university has started recruiting participants, focusing on the unemployed, underemployed and veterans. The university is also recruiting for instructors. A high school diploma or GED is required.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) announced that the Chula Vista Home Electrification Fair is taking place Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Norman Park Senior Center.

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) notified the Board of a commercial solar voucher program that is available to help cover up to half the cost of solar installation for eligible recipients. The vouchers expire on July 4, 2026.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Anne Fege (member of the public) made comments related to the City's Ready, Set, Grow San Diego program, which is focused on planting and protecting trees. Her comments addressed public involvement in the identification of trees for protection and the year 3 watering schedule for trees planted through this program.

Item 7: WILD Coast Presentation (Information)

Angela Kemsley and David Boehmer gave a presentation from WILD Coast, a nonprofit organization that addresses climate change through natural solutions. Board discussion followed about cooperating with other non-profits and the City and fostering volunteering opportunities.

Item 8: Bike Share Presentation (Discussion, Possible Action)

JD Weidman (Board Secretary) provided a presentation on a potential regional, docked e-bike share network and a letter from the City's Mobility Board advocating for the City to take a leading role in the development of such a network. Madison Swayne (member) moved to send a letter in support of the Mobility Board letter on a proposed docked, e-bike share system. The motion to send the letter was seconded by Cindy Lin (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 9: Response to the Draft Budget (Discussion, Possible Action)

Board members discussed supporting three different letters related to the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Budget:

- A letter from a coalition of organizations advocating for additional fundings for the Parks and Recreation Department. Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to send a letter in

support of the coalition letter. The motion to send the letter was seconded by Madison Swayne (member) and passed unanimously.

- A letter from the City's Mobility Board outlining various budget priorities. Cindy Lin (member) moved to send a letter in support of the Mobility Board letter. The motion to send the letter was seconded by Ronald Diaz (member) and passed unanimously.
- A letter of support from the Climate Advisory Board requesting that the City restore funding for the Climate Equity Fund. Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to send the letter. The motion was seconded by JD Weidman (Board Secretary) and passed unanimously.

Item 10: Reports on Related Boards (Information)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) reported that the Resiliency Advisory Board had Groundwork San Diego present the Blue-Green Infrastructure vision for the Chollas Creek watershed.

Item 11: 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 12: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Madison Swayne (member) proposed an item for San Diego Climate Week at the June 9, 2026, meeting. A presentation by San Diego Community Power staff on the San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) is also proposed for the June meeting.

Item 13: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.