



CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 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 (12:01 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair), who chaired the meeting until Tanisha-Jean Martin's (Chair) arrival at 12:21 p.m.

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present – Arrived at 12:21
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
JD Weidman (Board Secretary)	Mayoral	Absent
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Absent
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
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	Present
Ronald Diaz	D8	Absent
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Present

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) 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)

Dustin DeMatteo (member) moved to adopt the minutes for the June 9, 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)**Staff**

Kelley Stanco (Deputy Director, City Planning Department), informed the Board that staff changes have occurred in the Climate Action Division and that the staff supporting the Board will not change.

Board

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) informed the Board that the Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) is accepting sign-ups for the fifth cohort of the San Diego Regional Energy Academy.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 7: Resolution Affirming the City of San Diego's Commitment to Limit Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Information)

Brian Elliott (Policy Director & Deputy Chief of Staff, City Council – District 1), provided a presentation addressing the resolution adopted by City Council to uphold the City's commitment to limit greenhouse gas emissions (Resolution No. R-316807, June 15, 2026). Board discussion followed, including the anticipated effects of the resolution on City Policy and announcing the resolution during San Diego Climate Week.

Item 8: 2025 Annual Climate Action Plan Report (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) presented the City's 2025 Annual Climate Action Plan Report, which was published on June 18, 2026.

Item 9: Climate Action Plan Dashboard (Information)

Dustin DeMatteo (member) led a discussion regarding how information is shared and updated on the City's Climate Action Plan Dashboard website.

Item 10: Climate Advisory Board Annual Report (Information)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) led a discussion regarding development of the Board's Annual Report for July 2025 through June 2026, including the timeline, scope and recommendations.

Item 11: San Diego Climate Week Recommendation (Action)

Mahayla Slackerelli (member) led a discussion to follow up on the San Diego Climate Week presentation made at the June 9, 2026, Board meeting.

Public Comment

Kevin Sullivan (member of the public) expressed support for members of the board to participate in San Diego Climate Week and engage with the community.

Item 12: Reports on Related Boards (Information)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) reported that the Resiliency Advisory Board signed the Senate Bill

707 Joint Letter of Recommendation, requesting the City Council Rules Committee take action to allow remote attendance of members to count towards quorum for City Boards and Committees. The Resiliency Advisory Board also received a presentation on Solutions for Heat Adaptation and Equity in San Diego.

Cindy Lin (member) reported that the Community Forest Advisory Board sent a Zone Zero advisory letter to Council noting that increased housing density can reduce tree presence. The Community Forest Advisory Board also received a presentation on Highly Xeric Tree Selections.

Item 13: City Activities Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) referred the Board to updated City activities included in the agenda package.

Item 14: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Cristina Marquez (member) will bring an agenda item on school district electrification resolutions at the August 4, 2026, meeting. Whitney Pearce (member) will bring an item on Mission Trails Regional Park at the September 1, 2026, Board meeting. Cindy Lin (member) will bring an item on the Environmental Film Festival at the October 6, 2026, Board meeting.

Item 15: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.