

The City of
SAN DIEGO
CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 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 (12:02 p.m.)

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
JD Weidman (Board Secretary)	Mayoral	Absent
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Absent
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present – Arrived at 12:05
Madison Swayne	D4	Absent
Vacant	D5	Absent
Whitney Pearce	D7	Present
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Present

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Whitney Pearce (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 Whitney Pearce (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Whitney Pearce (member) moved to adopt the minutes for the July 7, 2026, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes without amendment was seconded by Kelly Mills (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)Staff

Marissa Westerfield (City Planning Staff) informed the Board that the City is developing guidelines for Board and Commission virtual attendance to incorporate SB-707 Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

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Cristina Marquez (member) informed the Board that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 569 will be hosting an informational open house on September 19, 2026, for those interested in learning about apprenticeship opportunities or other union activities.

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) informed the Board that Mothers Out Front will convene at the Skyline Hills Library on August 22, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to discuss environmental conditions at Bell Middle School related to the nearby decommissioned Sweetwater Landfill.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 7: School District Electrification Resolutions (Information)

Cristina Marquez (member) and Climate Action Campaign staff Serena Pelka gave a presentation on recent electrification resolutions passed by school districts in the San Diego region, including districts within the City of San Diego.

Item 8: San Diego Climate Week (Information)

Mahayla Slackerelli (member) led a discussion on how the Board may participate in or otherwise support San Diego Climate Week (October 1- 8, 2026). The Board discussed the format of public participation, including what questions should be put forward and how to make use of the feedback collected.

Item 9: Climate Advisory Board Annual Report (Information)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) led a discussion on a draft of the Climate Advisory Board Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2026. Discussion included work to date on the report and a section dedicated to achievements and barriers to the work of the Board.

Item 10: Reports on Related Boards (Information)

Cindy Lin (member) reported that the Urban Forestry Board is monitoring a phased implementation approach by the Fire Rescue Department for the State Zone Zero regulations.

Ronald Diaz (member) reported that the Resiliency Advisory Board reviewed the Crest and Gonzales Canyon Natural Resource Management Plans.

Item 11: City Activities Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)

Marissa Westerfield (City Planning Staff) informed the Board of current City initiatives and answered questions from the Board.

Item 12: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Madison Swayne (member) may bring an item on the Mission Trails Regional Park for the September meeting. The Board may request an update from staff on the Climate Equity Fund implementation status at the September meeting.

Item 13: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.