

The City of
SAN DIEGO
CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 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 (12:00 p.m.)

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
JD Weidman (Board Secretary)	Mayoral	Absent (Resigned on Sept. 1, 2026)
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present – Arrived at 12:03 p.m.
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present
Madison Swayne	D4	Absent
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 adopt the agenda without modification was seconded by Dustin DeMatteo (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) moved to adopt the minutes for the August 4, 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

None

Board

None

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Lori Saldaña (member of the public) gave a presentation on flood risk in the Midway community as it pertains to Midway Rising.

Yuncong Liu (member of the public) submitted an online comment in support of SB 1404 Wildfire prevention: state responsibility areas: fire prevention fee.

Zhizhen Chen (member of the public) submitted an online comment in support of SB 952 State Water Project: renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources.

Alex Zhang (member of the public) submitted an online comment in support of SB 58 Air quality: standard: hydrogen sulfide.

Leona Cai (member of the public) submitted an online comment in support of SB 894 Wildfire resiliency: financial assistance.

Item 7: Mission Trails Regional Park Sustainability Activities (Information)

Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director of Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, gave a presentation on sustainability activities carried out in Mission Trails Regional Park and their alignment with the City's Climate Action Plan.

Item 8: San Diego Climate Week (Information)

Mahayla Slackerelli (member) led a discussion on how the Board might participate in or otherwise support San Diego Climate Week (October 1- 8, 2026). Several board members will participate in a community feedback workshop on October 7, 2026, at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Item 9: Climate Advisory Board Annual Report (Information; Possible Action) Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) gave a presentation on a proposed Climate Advisory Board Annual Report, which addresses the activities and accomplishments of the Board during Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026) and next steps for the upcoming year.

Item 10: Reports on Related Boards (Information)

Cindy Lin (member) reported that the Community Forest Advisory Board heard an item from the City relaying that an application was submitted for an Urban Green Grant that focuses on tree watering and tree wells.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair) reported that the Resiliency Advisory Board did not meet in the month of August.

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

A City staff presentation on Climate Equity Fund Implementation Status was requested for a future meeting. Cindy Lin (member) proposed bringing an item in October on the San Diego Environmental Film Festival.

Item 13: Adjournment

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.