



Youth Commission

Recreation

Youth Commission Meeting

October 12, 2021 at 5pm

Zoom Webinar

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Agenda

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1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Roll Call (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair)
4. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2021 (Chair)
5. Public Comments
6. Chair's Announcements
7. Director's Report
8. Land Acknowledgment (Schlosberg)
9. Introductions (Zhou)
10. Discussion with Trish McDermott, BUSD Public Information Officer
11. Discussion on transportation equity (Jay)
12. **Action: Letter in support of students' rights in Title 9 complaints** (Lamoreaux)
13. **Action: Letter in support of Berkeley High students' demands regarding ending sexual harm** (Lamoreaux)
14. Adjourn

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Mission Statement

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1. Call to Order (Chair) 5:14pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary) Present: Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay. Absent: Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. Excuse Absent Draves.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair) **M/S/** Jay/Cline: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.
4. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2021 (Chair) **M/S/** Schlosberg/Jay: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.
5. Public Comments
6. Chair's Announcements
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Zhou)
9. **Discussion:** Sub-Committees
10. **Action:** Resolve to include in our weekly agenda a recognition of the indigenous history of the land under the City of Berkeley. **M/S/** Schlosberg/Cline: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.

11. **Action:** Approval of letter for School Board Regarding Youth Vaccine Mandate. **M/S/** Kaplan-Pettus/Lamoreaux: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.
12. **Action:** Recess (5 min)
13. **Action:** Appoint a commissioner to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. **M/S/** Kaplan-Pettus/Jay: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.
14. **Action:** Election of Chair
15. **Adjourn: 6:40pm M/S/** Kaplan-Pettus/Cline: **Aye's:** Lamoreaux, Kaplan-Pettus, Cline, Powell, Sanders, Schlosberg, Thompson, and Jay **Noe's:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Henry, Wilson, Zhou, Buendia, and Baudart-Gehlawat. **Excuse Absent:** Draves.

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October 7th, 2021

Berkeley Unified School District

Board of Education

Dear Honorable School Board,

On Wednesday the 6th of October, students made public comments at your school board meeting describing the disgraceful mishandling of their complaint. The actions of your district put your student at continued physical and emotional risk. The responsibility to solve this issue is not in the hands of students forced to cry out for help, but your responsibility.

We are writing to you on behalf of Youth Commissions to express our support for the four reports sent in by Abigail Lamoreaux on Wednesday 10/6/21. We support the right that all complainees have a quick and thorough investigation. Although we as Youth Commission do not take sides in any ongoing reports or investigations, we offer our support to the district during them to insure all matters pertaining to

youth are dealt with properly. We also extend our gratitude to those who have written reports and thank them for their bravery.

We will be following the process as it moves forward and if we feel the district is not properly upholding the rights and responsibilities they have to the youth of Berkeley, we will express our concerns to you through an additional letter. We have full faith that you will uphold the laws in place, and do everything in your powers to protect our students.

Sincerely,

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October 7th, 2021

Berkeley Unified School District

Board of Education

Dear Honorable School Board,

In February of 2020 thousands of students walked out of school and hundreds filled the district offices. These students presented a list of demands to the district to protect students from sexual harm. In support, the youth commission wrote a letter in support of these brave students and their demands necessary for their safety. At the time you agreed to work to meet every one of the student demands. We thank you for that commitment. We are once again asking that you partner with our students to keep them safe. We, in our capacity as City Commissioners, strongly urge you to take all possible steps to fulfill the demands of the students.

Students including the Berkeley High ASB Commissioner of Women's Equity & Students Rights, leadership of the club Berkeley

High Stop Harassing, and Berkeley High School Women's Student Union, have presented the following demands :

- Demands
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We think these demands are reasonable and necessary and are confident that the School Board and Superintendent Stephens, will do everything possible to ensure the youth of Berkeley are protected, and safe in our community.

We offer our support to the District on any of these matters, as well as our support to the student advocates.

Sincerely,

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