



City of San José Climate Advisory Commission

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SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM

October 7, 2025

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Nelson convened the Climate Advisory Commission at 6:15 p.m. Chair Karen Nelson welcomed guests in the room and on Zoom. Phillip Remaker arrived late at 6:20 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Victor Niemeyer and seconded by Commissioner Ruth Merino, to accept orders of the day, approved (6,0). No public comment.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mani Bekele, Macwin Savio Dsouza, Karen Nelson, Victor Niemeyer, Phillip Remaker, Ruth Merino and Ryo Wakabayashi.

STAFF: Staff present: Assistant Director of ED Zachary Struyk, ED Climate Smart Supervising Environmental Services Specialist Anne Balis, and ED Staff Specialist Leticia Vargas.

Zoom attendees: None.

Public: Lisa Charpontier.

II. Public Record

None on file.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Calendar

No public comment.

V. Reports and Information Only

Commissioners discussed a relevant CalCCA article ([What is the PCIA?](#)) and requested its distribution

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business

- a. Forming an ad hoc committee to review San José Clean Energy financial position and approach to 2026 rate-making.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ryo Wakabayashi, seconded by Commissioner Phillip Remaker, to amend the proposed resolution language by updating the meeting date to November 6, including the ability to develop a list of ad hoc members, and finalizing the last meeting date as April 7, for the Ad Hoc committee, the motion was approved unanimously (6-0). No public comment was made.

Approved resolution:

The Climate Advisory Commission (CAC) shall establish an ad hoc committee to work collaboratively with City staff to review the financial position of San José Clean Energy (SJCE) and its proposed approaches to 2026 setting rates and bill credits.

The ad hoc committee shall present its findings and recommendations for discussion at the CAC's November 6 meeting, and as needed through April 7, 2026 when the ad hoc will conclude.

The November CAC discussions are intended to inform SJCE staff in preparing a final 2026 rate proposal for consideration by the City Council at its December 9 meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee assignment, after the motion was approved:

- Mani Bekele
- Victor Niemeyer
- Macwin Savio Dsouza
- Ryo Wakabayashi

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025, at 6pm in San José City Hall, Tower Room 1753

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Karen Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Karen Nelson

KAREN NELSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:
CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMISSION SECRETARY



Leticia Vargas, COMMISSION SECRETARY

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