

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN  
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Steve Baker  
Councilmember Gary Elrod  
Councilmember Dennis Hennen  
Councilmember Gregory Patterson  
Mayor Bridget Dean

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Clarence Black  
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Crystal VanVleck  
City Clerk Victoria Mitchell  
Deputy City Clerk Rachel Patterson  
Library Director Matt Church

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the Agenda  
Seconded by Councilmember Baker  
Ayes: Elrod, Hennen, Patterson, Baker and Dean  
Nays: None  
Absent: Black and Gavin  
Motion Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Board and Commission candidate interviews for new appointments.

City Manager Crystal VanVleck and City Clerk Victoria Mitchell provided a brief description of the new board and commission interview process and how the evening would run.

The following candidates were interviewed:  
Nicole Burgess, Environmental Advisory Committee  
James Weidman, Historical Committee

City Council appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion to Appoint Nicole Burgess to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending February 2029 and James Weidman to the Historical Committee for a term ending February 2029.  
Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-05-26  
Seconded by Councilmember Patterson

Ayes: Elrod, Hennen, Patterson, Baker and Dean  
Nays: None  
Absent: Black, Gavin  
Motion Approved.

Motion to amend the previous motion - to appoint Nicole Burgess to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending February 2029 and James Weidman to the Historical Committee for a term ending February 2029 – to also include appointing Katie Carano to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending February 2029 and Kevin McDaid to the Historical Committee for a term ending February 2029.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-XX-26

Seconded by Councilmember Baker

Ayes: Baker, Elrod, Hennen, Patterson and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Black, Gavin

Motion Approved.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the special meeting at 6:06 PM.

Seconded by Councilmember Baker

Ayes: Elrod, Hennen, Patterson, Baker and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Black and Gavin

Motion Approved.

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Bridget Dean, Mayor

***ATTEST:***

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Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk