

**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 Burguess, Environmental Advisory Committee
James Weidman, Historical Committee

City Council appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion to Appoint Nicole Burguess 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 Burguess 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.

Bridget Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk