



RENT STABILIZATION BOARD

Special Meeting

Friday, October 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

School District Board Room – 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA

Public participation

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Decorum

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Minutes - *Approved*

1. **Roll call** - The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
Desireé Oliver called roll.
Commissioners present: Elgstrand, Kelley, Marrero, Martinac, Mizell, Twu, Alpert
Commissioners absent: Johnson, Walker
Staff present: Brown, Oliver, Williams
2. **Land Acknowledgment Statement:** The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes that the rental housing units we regulate are built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun-(Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's landlords and tenants have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878 and since the Rent Stabilization Board's creation in 1980. As stewards of the laws regulating rental housing, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was read aloud by the Chair.

3. **Approval of Agenda** – M/S/C (Kelley/Mizell) Voice vote. Carried 7-0-0-2.
4. **Public Comment for Unions representing Rent Board staff** – No speakers.
5. **Public Comment** – No speakers.
6. **CLOSED SESSION** - Pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(3) and 54956.9(d)(4), the Board convened with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation related to Rent Board data systems.

UPON THE BOARD'S RETURN, THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – M/S/C (Mizell/Kelley) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING. Voice vote. Carried; 7-0-0-2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.