

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:00 PM

Boards and Commissions Appointments

City Council Chambers

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor David Lesser

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Franklin

Councilmember Nina Trieu Tarnay

Councilmember Steve S. Charelian

Councilmember Amy Thomas Howorth

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lesser, Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, Councilmember Tarnay, Councilmember Charelian and Councilmember Howorth

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Tarnay, seconded by Councilmember Howorth, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Lesser closed the floor to public comments.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 2026 Annual Appointments to Boards and Commissions (No Budget Impact) (City Clerk Tamura). [26-0127](#)
(Estimated Time: 45 Mins.)

APPOINT

City Clerk Liza Tamura introduced Deputy City Clerk Breana Contreras who provided a brief background regarding the item.

Mayor Lesser opened the floor to public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Lesser closed the floor to public comments.

Deputy City Clerk Contreras conducted the annual Boards and Commissions appointment process.

The following appointments were made:

Planning Commission

Seat No. 2 (Member-At-Large): Dina Treyger

Seat No. 3 (Member-At-Large): Jill Schechter

Seat No. 4 (Member-At-Large): Robert Siemak

Seat No. 5 (Member-At-Large): Rachel Hackett (reappointed)

Parking and Public Improvements Commission

Seat No. 1 (Member-At-Large): Robert Tokashiki

Seat No. 3 (Member-At-Large): Stefan Beeli

City Clerk Tamura, Assistant City Clerk Patricia Matson and Deputy City Clerk Contreras responded to City Council questions.

Board of Building Appeals

Seat No. 1 (Member-At-Large): Michael Kling (reappointed)

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, to proceed with filling Board of Building Appeals Seat No. 2 by considering applicants who applied to other commissions, contingent upon their willingness to serve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

Board of Building Appeals

Seat No. 2 (Member-At-Large): Joel Sprague

Seat No. 3 (Member-At-Large): Robert Tokashiki (reappointed)

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Lesser, to proceed with the process for Board of Building Appeals Seat Nos. 4 and 5 by considering other applicants who applied to other commissions, contingent upon their willingness to serve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Mayor Lesser, to appoint Steven Berardino and John Meek to the Board of Building Appeals Seat Nos. 4 and 5. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

Board of Building Appeals

Seat No. 4 (Member-At-Large): Steven Berardino

Seat No. 5 (Member-At-Large): John Meek

Deputy City Clerk Contreras responded to City Council questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Tarnay, to reappoint Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board Member Hilary Rosen to a four-year term. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board

Member-At-Large: Hilary Rosen (reappointed)

A motion was made by Councilmember Howorth, seconded by Councilmember Tarnay, to ratify the reappointment of Karen Komatinsky to the Parks and Recreation Commission Seat No. 2 as made by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Lesser, Franklin, Tarnay, Charelian and Howorth

Nay: 0

Parks and Recreation Commission

Seat No. 2 (MBUSD Nominee): Karen Komatinsky (reappointed)

Parks and Recreation Commission

Seat No. 3 (Member-At-Large): Larry Zimbalist (reappointed) Seat No. 7 (Student Representative): Alana Mahan

Cultural Arts Commission

Seat No. 1 (Art Experience): Carol Patterson (reappointed) Seat No. 7 (Student Representative): Geneva Huang

Library Commission

Seat No. 4 (Member-At-Large): Robert Duncan Seat No. 7 (Student Representative): Kadin Heise

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:41 PM, Mayor Lesser adjourned the meeting.

**Breana Contreras
Recording Secretary**

**David Lesser
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Liza Tamura
City Clerk**