



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (10:36 a.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Meagan Harmon.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Caitlin Colyer.

RECESS

Mayor Rowse recessed to closed session at 10:32 a.m. and stated that no reportable action is anticipated.

CLOSED SESSIONS

1. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1) (160.01)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(1) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed.

The pending litigation is CCWA, et al. v. SBCFCWCD (Transfer Limitation Challenge)
SBSC Case No. 21CV02432.

Scheduling: Duration 30 mins; anytime
Report: None anticipated

Document:

- August 12, 2025, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 10:33 a.m. – 10:51 a.m.

Report:

- No report made

2. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1) (160.01)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(1) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed.

The pending litigation is Marianne Wetzel v. City of Santa Barbara WCAB Case Nos.: ADJ12918275, ADJ10546056, ADJ16864172.

Scheduling: Duration 15 mins.
Report: None anticipated

Document:

- August 12, 2025, report from the Risk Manager.

Time:

- 10:52 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Report:

- No report made

3. **Subject: Conference with City Attorney--Anticipated Litigation--Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) (160.03)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider significant exposure to litigation (one potential case) pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) and take appropriate action as needed.

The anticipated litigation is based upon significant exposure arising out of the claim filed on January 20, 2024, through the law offices of Joseph Liebman; a copy is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Scheduling: Duration: 15 mins.

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- August 12, 2025, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 10:56 a.m. – 11:07 a.m.

Report:

- No report made

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

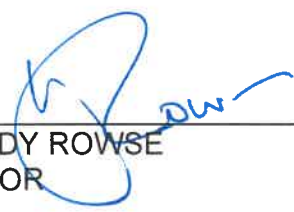
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on September 9, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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