



Rent Stabilization Board

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes – Approved

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board (Rent Board) was conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, **there was no physical meeting location available.** Members of the public were provided with instructions on how to participate via teleconference, Zoom videoconference, and email.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 and all current state and local requirements allowing public participation in meetings of legislative bodies.

1. **Roll call** – Chair Laverde called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.
Aimee Mueller called roll.
Commissioners Present: Alpert, Chang, Mendonca, Selawsky, Simon-Weisberg, Soto-Vigil, Tregub, Laverde.
Commissioners Absent: Poblet.
Staff Present: Brown, Kelekian, Mueller.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – M/S/C (Alpert/Tregub) MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Chang, Mendonca, Selawsky, Simon-Weisberg, Soto-Vigil, Tregub, Laverde; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Poblet.
Carried: 8-0-0-1.
3. **Public Comment** – There were two speakers. Derek Wallace spoke about the tenant housing retention grants and thanked the Board for its work. Krista Gulbransen, Executive Director of the Berkeley Property Owners Association (BPOA), thanked the Board for passing Emergency Regulation 1017.5, and stated that she'd soon be announcing a May rent reduction program that she expects many BPOA members will be participating in.
4. **ACTION ITEM**
 - (1) Orientation and testing of webinar functionality, and discussion and possible action to adopt temporary rules for virtual meetings held during the duration of the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order (Executive Director)

M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Alpert) THE CHAIR WILL REVIEW THE MEETING PROCEDURES THE CITY OF BERKELEY HAS ADOPTED FOR THEIR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND THE BOARD WILL DEFER TO HER CHOICE OF RULES, TO BE ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY AS BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING VIRTUAL MEETINGS. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Chang, Mendonca, Selawsky, Soto-Vigil, Tregub, Laverde; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Poblet, Simon-Weisberg. Carried: 7-0-0-2.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Laverde adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.