



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

03/11/2026

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council
Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Crutchlow called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Secretary Cherukuru read the Statement of Values.

Roll Call

Present 5 - Commissioner Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Qian Huang, Vice Chair Mario Bouza, Commissioner Lance Saleme, and Chair Eric Crutchlow

Absent 2 - Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar, and Commissioner Nancy A. Biagini

A motion was made by Commissioner Saleme, seconded by Commissioner Cherukuru to excuse Commissioners Biagini and Bhatnagar from the meeting.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, and Commissioner Biagini

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES**CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS**

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-274](#) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crutchlow, seconded by Commissioner Saleme to approve the consent calendar.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, and Commissioner Biagini

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. [25-1744](#) Study Session: Role of the Planning Commission in the Charter Review Process

City Attorney Glen Googins provide a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Saleme inquired what the role of the Planning Commission was in items on the Planning Commission agenda; quasi judicial decisions, or in an advisory capacity. **Assistant City Attorney Alexander Abbe** provided input.

Chair Crutchlow announced that he is member of the Charter Review Committee.

City Attorney Glen Googins discussed the role of the Planning Commission is in the Charter Review Committee process and provided information that next steps would be for the Planning Commission to agendize the topic at a future meeting for an in depth discussion and action.

Commissioners provided input on the various topics being reviewed in the Charter Review Committee.

Planning Manger Lesley Xavier announced that Commissioners should send their input and questions to staff ahead of the April Planning Commission meeting to help organize and facilitate the upcoming discussion.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON AND COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Bouza provided a summary of the Joint Venture Silicon Valley event he attended on February 27, 2026.

1. Announcements/Other Items

Planning Manager Lesley Xavier announced there would be a Community Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026 to discuss the upcoming proposed Mariani's development.

Commissioner Saleme requested an update on the upcoming Board and Commission dinner with City Council.

2. Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to attend Trainings

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

1. Planning Commission Budget Update

Staff Aide II Elizabeth Elliott provide updates.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

Planning Manager Lesley Xavier provided updates.

3. City Council Actions

Planning Manager Lesley Xavier provided updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, and Commissioner Biagini

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