



City of San Pablo

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, February 9, 2026

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
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Special Meeting and Closed Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pabon-Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz

Staff Present:
City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
City Attorney, Brian P. Hickey
Community Development Administrative Secretary, Michelle Chavez
City Clerk, Dorothy Gantt

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Public Comments were received for Oral Communications.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 PM regarding:

1. [26-016](#) CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Existing litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d):
 1. County of Contra Costa, et al. v. Monsanto Company, et al., Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C22-02818
 2. Villatoro, Estate of Daniel, et al. v. Greenwood, City of San Pablo, et al., Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C23-01828
 3. Escalera, et al. v. City of San Pablo et al., United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:23-cv-6491
 4. Smith, Andre v. City of San Pablo, et al., United State District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 4:25-cv-02082
 5. Hill, Alexander v. San Pablo Police Department, et al, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C25-01480
 6. Martin-Miller, Belinda v. San Pablo Police Department, et al, Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV094038
 7. Popio, Kathleen v. County of Contra Costa, et al, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C25-01987
 8. Pitts, Tracy v. Contra Costa City College, et al., Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C25-02705

2. [26-063](#) CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - LIABILITY CLAIMS
Liability claims pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.95:
 1. Lopez v. City of San Pablo, Claim No. GL-21362-SP
 2. Espinoza v. City of San Pablo, Claim No. GL-21362-SP-2
 3. Wadid v. City of San Pablo, Claim No. GL-21429-SP
 4. Bastuba v. City of San Pablo, Claim No. GL-21429-SP-2

3. [26-064](#) CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov't Code section 54956.9(d)(4): 1 potential case.

4. [26-015](#) CLOSED SESSION
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
TITLE: City Attorney

Reconvene to Regular Session at 8:30 PM

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Councilmember Patricia Ponce, Councilmember Abel Pineda, Vice Mayor Rita Xavier, and Mayor Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Arturo Cruz

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action on Closed Session

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (IF ANY)

5. [26-041](#) MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA WILL BE APPENDED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM BUT MERELY A MECHANISM FOR MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA TO BE APPENDED TO THE PUBLISHED AGENDA AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at to the Regular City Council meeting of February 17, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Erlenheim, Interim Deputy City Clerk