

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN  
WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:32 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)  
Councilmember Gary Elrod  
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin  
Councilmember Dennis Hennen  
Councilmember Gregory Patterson  
Mayor Bridget Dean

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Steve Baker

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to approve the agenda  
Seconded by Councilmember Patterson  
Ayes: Black, Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson and Dean  
Nays: None  
Absent: Baker  
Motion Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

CLOSED SESSION: Matter of considering whether to meet in closed session per Crystal VanVleck's request to consider the City Manager's periodic performance evaluation per MCL 15.268(1)(a).

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to convene in closed session.

Seconded by Councilmember Patterson

Ayes: Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Black and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY,  
MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:35 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)  
Councilmember Gary Elrod  
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin  
Councilmember Dennis Hennen  
Councilmember Gregory Patterson  
Mayor Bridget Dean

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Steve Baker

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

Members of Council met in closed session to consider the City Manager's periodic performance evaluation per MCL 15.268(1)(a).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Pro Tem Gavin moved to adjourn the Closed Session Meeting at 4:42 PM

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen

Ayes: Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson, Black and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN  
WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 4:43 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 BY MAYOR DEAN**

***PRESENT:*** Councilmember Clarence Black (attending remotely due to military duty)  
Councilmember Gary Elrod  
Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin  
Councilmember Dennis Hennen  
Councilmember Gregory Patterson  
Mayor Bridget Dean

***ABSENT:*** Councilmember Steve Baker

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Crystal VanVleck

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Patterson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:45 PM

Seconded by Councilmember Elrod

Ayes: Black, Elrod, Gavin, Hennen, Patterson and Dean

Nays: None

Absent: Baker

Motion Approved.

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Bridget Dean, Mayor

***ATTEST:***

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Crystal VanVleck, City Manager