

Green New Dean Oversight Board (GNDOB)
Meeting Notes

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| MEETING SUMMARY | <p>Date: September 30, 2021</p> <p>Time: 4:03pm – 6:08pm</p> <p>Location: WebEx</p> |
| MEMBERS PRESENT: | <p>Maria Batayola Tomas Madrigal Rachel Heaton Kristina Chu Syris Valentine Dennis Comer Debolina Banarjee Katie Garrow Emily Myers Andrea Ornelas Keith Weir Jess Wallach Deepa Sivarajan Steve Gelb</p> |
| MEMBERS ABSENT: | <p>Matt Remle</p> |
| GUESTS: | <p>Office of Sustainability & Environment: Lisa Chen, Ximena Fonseca-Morales, Sandra Mallory, Nicole Ballinger, Andrea Pratt, Chris Iberle Public: Craig Kenworthy, Christoph, Callie Ridolfi, Zachary Gold, Teddy</p> |

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| DECISIONS MADE | <p>The GNDOB approved their initial set of by-laws with the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Sections 1 & 2 as written • Approved Section 3 as amended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved Section 3.4 setting one-year term limits for Executive Committee members ○ Amended section 3.5 to allow for self-nominations in elections. • Approved Sections 5, 6, & 7 as written. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved Section 5.1 not allowing for proxy votes. |
| | <p>The GNDOB voted on their Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Batayola, Co-Chair 1 • Syris Valentine, Co-Chair 2 • Deepa Sivarajan, Member-at-large |

| FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS | | | |
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| # | ITEM | RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S) | TARGET DATE |
| 1 | Board asked by-laws committee to continue their work as an ad-hoc committee. Members will provide further feedback directly to by-laws committee. | Rachel Heaton, Syris Valentine, Keith Weir, Matt Remle | Nov 4 th board meeting |
| 2 | Beacon Hill community event in the plans to better understand the current greenhouse emission datasets available, what are the gaps in the current data tracked, how to apply an environmental justice lens to the data, and community prioritization. Invitation will be shared with full board. | Maria Batayola | TBDs |
| 3 | A subgroup will continue identifying budget items to track, based on GND Resolutions categories, and bring back a proposal to the board for a full vote. | Maria Batayola, Debolina Banarjee, Syris Valentine, Jess Wallach | Oct 7th |

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Jose Vasquez, Green New Deal Advisor, facilitated the meeting

Public Comment

No public comments provided during this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

- City staff introduces the Green New Deal Oversight Board.
- GNDOB members introduce themselves.

Board By-laws - Rachel Heaton, GNDOB Leadership Structure Workgroup
[By-laws document]

- R. Heaton presented a summary of initial board by-laws, emphasizing discussion for Section 3 - Leadership and Officers; and Section 5 - Conduct of Board Business and Decision-Making Process. Board discussion focused on the following items:
 - One-year term limits for Executive Committee members from May 1 to April 31.
 - Allowing for self-nominations during elections.
 - Allowing for proxy votes during board decisions.
- D. Sivarajan and S. Gelb asked for clarity around decision making process.
 - R. Heaton and K. Weir offered clarity on the difference between board voting process by majority vs testing for consensus with Fist-to-Five during discussion.
- E. Myers asked for clarity around proxy votes. Can members representing organizations send someone on their behalf to act on a vote?
 - Board members are appointed by City Council as individuals. Therefore, they cannot send representatives to vote on their behalf. Members who know ahead of time that they will be in absence of a meeting where a vote is taking place, can share their opinions to board leadership to be shared for the record at the public meeting, but does not count as an official vote.

- Further discussion and questions were raised about the definition of a proxy vote and how it would function with board decisions.
- A. Ornelas asked a clarifying question around elections and which positions receive priority or are encouraged to be selected for leadership roles.
 - Nominations for GNDOB leadership roles are encouraged to come from positions 1-11, as established by GND Ordinance, centering the voices of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, youth, elders, and workers harmed first and worse by climate change.
- S. Gelb asked a clarifying question around the reasoning for not allowing for self-nominations.
 - This piece was taken from a sample set of by-laws from a similar city commission and was not fully deliberated at the workgroup level. Which is why it is being presented on and discussed at this full board meeting.
- **BOARD ACTION:** K. Weir moves to approve Sections 1 & 2 of board by-laws as written. S. Valentine seconded.
 - Motion passed with 14 A (Yes I approve)
- **BOARD ACTION:** M. Batayola moves to approve Section 3.4 setting one year term limits for Executive Committee. E. Myers seconded.
 - Motion passed with 11 A (Yes, I approve), 1 B (Yes, with reservations), 2 abstain
- **BOARD ACTION:** D. Sivarajan moves to amend section 3.5 to allow for self-nominations. S. Valentine seconded.
 - Motion passed with 11 A (Yes, I approve), 1 B (Yes, with reservations), 1 D (I don't approve, but I won't block), 1 abstain
- **BOARD ACTION:** K. Weir moves to approve section 3 as amended. R. Heaton seconded.
 - Motion passed with 13 A (Yes, I approve), 1 abstain
- **BOARD ACTION:** T. Madrigal moves to approve section 5.1 as is, no proxy votes allowed. K. Weir seconded.
 - Motion passed with 11 A (Yes, I approve), 3 B (Yes, with reservations)
- **BOARD ACTION:** E. Myers moves to approve section 5, 6 & 7 as written. M. Batayola seconded.
 - Motion passed with 14 A (Yes, I approve)

Board Leadership - *Jose Vasquez, Green New Deal Advisor facilitated board elections process*

Links were shared ahead of time for board members to nominate their candidates for Executive Committee roles, 2 Co-Chairs and 1 Member-at-large. The following members were nominated:

- Maria Batayola – accepted nomination
- Matt Remle – not present to accept/decline nomination
- Tomas Madrigal – declined nomination
- Rachel Heaton – declined nomination
- Kristina Chu – declined nomination
- Syris Valentine – accepted nomination
- Andrea Ornelas – declined nomination
- Jess Wallach – declined nomination
- Deepa Sivarajan – accepted nomination
- Steve Gelb – declined nomination

After nominations were finalized, the board voted on their Executive Committee.

BOARD ACTION: Board elects Maria Batayola as Co-Chair 1 with 9 votes in favor.

BOARD ACTION: Board elects Syris Valentine as Co-Chair 2 with 9 votes in favor.

BOARD ACTION: Board elects Deepa Sivarajan as Member-at-large with 12 votes in favor.

Mayor's proposed 2022 budget – *Jose Vasquez, Green New Deal Advisor presented GND Investments Summary from Mayor's proposed 2022 budget.*

- Part of the proposed 2022 budget includes a 6.5 million in unallocated funds awaiting recommendations from the GND Oversight Board and City Team.
- Other GND investments include, Duwamish Valley Programming Increase, Oil Home Heating Conversions, Clean Energy Pre-Apprenticeships, Environmental Justice Fund Increase, Clean Buildings Accelerator, and funding for SDOT to develop a Climate Calculator.
- S. Valentine asked about the Climate Calculator and how does it fit into what OSE is already doing as far as emissions inventory goes.
 - M. Batayola shared a local Beacon Hill perspective. Has had conversations with Ani from OSE where they have identified gaps in data available. A convening is being planned to invite community members to better understand the datasets available, what are the gaps in the current data tracked, and how to apply an environmental justice lens to the data, and community prioritization. Invitation will be shared with full board.
- S. Gelb shared clarity between Mayor's proposed budget, and Council's budget process. CM Mosqueda has questions about how funding from JumpStart was applied in budget. Highlighting for members to track and determine if, or whether, or how the board wants to weigh in on budget discussions with Council.
- J. Wallach appreciated seeing a summary of GND investments laid out so clearly, in contrast to the overall proposed budget.
- M. Batayola referenced a conversation in the Values Workgroup, where they are tracking intended initiatives from the GND Resolution, including items covering housing, ecology, and so forth. The board may want to consider sending these items to the budget folks to plug in numbers supporting those areas. Would be helpful to see if the city is taking action on items identified in the GND resolution.
 - S. Gelb shared his perspective that "the Green New Deal is not just about the environment. It's about underserved communities and front-line communities. It's about applying our environmental policies to helping those communities in all of the challenges they have on housing, gentrification, health, and so on." D. Banarjee also agrees with this approach.
 - There is interest in being aware of investments in all of the other budgets affecting front-line communities. (i.e. housing, healthcare, all other items names in GND resolution)
 - M. Batayola started an excel spreadsheet proposed budget and allocation for BIPOC communities. "Because of time, we may not be able to really think through, but at least help build our base of knowledge." Debolina, Syris, and Jess would like to follow up via email to provide notes for this spreadsheet.
- K. Weir, in regards to the money allocation for training and jobs, "always raise up that we are not creating jobs, but creating careers and apprenticeship pathways for sustainable careers for folks."

- D. Banarjee brought up a question about where funds are coming from. In particular what portion of the funding is coming from the JumpStart tax.

2021 Timeline – *Jose Vasquez, Green New Deal Advisor reviewed timeline for remainder of the year.*

- Given information just learned about the 2022 proposed budget and pending recommendations from the GNDOB for unallocated funds, the board reviewed the timeline for the remainder of the year and made decisions on when to prepare for making budget recommendations.
- S. Gelb asked board how people feel about when to ask for a budget briefing. given that the budget will be finalized in November. K. Weir suggested planning for a briefing in December.
 - S. Gelb asked about the opportunity to offer briefing on the budget in partnership with the Environmental Justice Committee.
- M. Batayola brought up the topic of board meeting times. An email will be sent out to get feedback on alternative meetings times to be brought back for a full board vote.
- T. Madrigal considering pace of board, January feels like a good time to begin work on recommendations for the 6.5 million unallocated GND funds. M. Batayola agrees, board will have an overview of the overall budget. Sometime in Nov/Dec, figuring out a process on how to identify the needs of the community.
 - S. Gelb wonders if the board should reach out to Environmental Justice Committee to begin coordinating.