

# Minutes

## Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, September 12, 2025

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Seattle City Hall 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370; [Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, & building access\)](#)

**Remote Meeting Location:** WebEx

### Members Present

Councilmember Stevenson, Councilmember Takala, Tia Yazzie, Derrick Belgarde, and Jaci McCormack

### Members Excused

Councilmember Jay Mills, Suzanne Sailto, and Esther Lucero

### Meeting Guests

Sierra Takusi, Visit Seattle, Francesca Murnan, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Danielle Friedman, Department of Neighborhoods, and Waing Waing, Human Services Department

### Items

Number	Topic	Time
1	<b>Welcome and Opening Blessing</b>	<b>5 min</b>
2	<b>Approval of the Agenda (September)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved without changes.</li></ul> <b>Approval of the Minutes (July and August)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved without changes.</li></ul>	<b>5 min</b>
3	<b>Office of Intergovernmental Relations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff provided an update on the planning for the Tribal Nations Summit including draft agenda and event logistics.</li></ul>	<b>10 min</b>
4	<b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff of Visit Seattle shared about the organization's efforts to publish information about ways to Indigenous Peoples' Day around the region. Members were invited to review and offer feedback to the draft press release or identify interest in quotes.</li><li>• Staff from Department of Neighborhoods reviewed the IAC shared expectations for funding Indigenous Peoples' Day events. Members discussed three community-led Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations. Members approved allocating resources to design a 2026 event poster, printing 300 free event posters, and resourcing community groups and organizations to program events.</li></ul>	<b>20 min</b>

	<b>Aging and Disability Services Outreach and Engagement Plan</b>	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff from Department of Neighborhoods and Humans Services Department returned for a second engagement with the IAC on Aging and Disability Services (ADS).</li> <li>ADS is actively developing an outreach and engagement strategic plan update. Urban Native elders are one of several priority populations in the plan update.</li> <li>City staff have engaged nearly 500 participants through a general public engagement process.</li> <li>In partnership with the Community Liaisons program, staff will host a urban Native elders listening session to learn more about priorities, concerns, and needs among this population in King County.</li> <li>Members discussed clarifying questions around the definition of urban Native for this work. Staff clarified the definition to be American Indian and Alaska Native people living in King County, that are not served by a Tribal government. Staff clarified state obligations to engage with Tribal governments in King County for ADS. ADS conducts Tribal engagement and consultation on these issues with Tribal governments in King County.</li> <li>Members shared that several urban Native housing developments include onsite case managers who coordinate with elders on accessing aging and disability services for eligible people.</li> <li>Staff discussed interest in collaborating with the Indigenous Advisory Council to develop best practices Tribal and urban Native engagement.</li> <li>Staff discussed next steps and upcoming opportunities to share with networks including focus groups with urban Native elders.</li> </ul>	25 min
	<b>Old Business</b>	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Annual Retreat Follow Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultant and staff recapped discussions from Annual Retreat (see August 2025 meeting minutes).</li> <li>Group discussion affirming core priority areas and estimated timelines to receive Draft 1 in October 2025, Draft 2 November 2025, and possible action in December 2025.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	55 min
7	<b>Member Announcements</b>	5 min
8	<b>Hybrid Public Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public comment included discussion of addressing housing affordability and recommendations around Indigenizing terminology.</li> </ul>	Up to 10 min
9	<b>Closing &amp; Next Steps</b>	