



City of Seattle
Seattle Renters' Commission

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2025

6:00 - 8:00pm

Webex Meeting and Seattle City Hall Room 370

Purpose: The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) was established to represent the interest of renters located in Seattle, to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on public policy matters of importance to renters citywide.

Commissioners in attendance: Kate Rubin, Kasey Burton, Allan Francis, Adora Blue, Liz Fite, Sally Kinney, Sam Wolfson, Karen Taylor, Daniel Lugo, Agni Bhattacharya, Lydia Felty, Angela O'Brien

Commissioners not in attendance: Andrew Ashiofu, Julissa Sanchez

City Staff in attendance: Laura Jenkins from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Quorum: Yes

Public Comment: No

Transcriber's note: These minutes provide a summary of key points discussed. A full recording is available upon request.

Welcome

Meeting opened at 6:00pm with a land and labor acknowledgment.

Approval of the Agenda (12/3); Approval of the Minutes (11/2 and 11/5)

The commission voted to amend the agenda. Kasey Burton abstained. Commissioner Expectations and Interests and Tabling at Events will be discussed at future meetings.

11/2 and 11/5 minutes approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Workgroup Updates

- Bylaws
 - The bylaws workgroup (less than a quorum of commissioners) met earlier in the week to talk through various initial revisions to the Renters' Commission bylaws and meeting norms document. Once the workgroup has more finalized draft version of the documents, they will bring them to the full commission for review and approval. The goal is to present them to the commission at the February meeting.
- Renter Representation on Boards of Directors
 - No updates
- Community Connections

- Commissioner Karen Taylor spoke with the other commissioners to learn more about which organizations commissioners are a part of and have relationships with. She tracked these conversations and created an informational document, shared with the commission, so the broader commission can see all of the community connections.
- Seattle Social Housing Developer Board Appointments
 - A workgroup of commissioners put together a proposal for the interview process and interview questions for the Seattle Social Housing Board appointment process.
 - The group reviewed the recruitment, application, interview, and appointment timeline the commission approved in November.
 - The application launched on December 1.
 - The workgroup members outlined the proposed interview process including scheduling and interview questions.
 - Commissioners provided feedback during the meeting about the proposed questions.
 - The commission voted on and approved the edited interview questions. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
 - The workgroup outlined the proposed post-interview evaluation the interviewers would use after interviews with board candidates.
 - After some discussion, the commission voted on and approved the post-interview evaluation form. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
 - By the end of the day January 5, 2026 (at the latest), the interview team will discuss interviews and who they would like to move forward in the appointment process along with a few alternates. They will send those recommended appointees' names along with a sentence or two about why they included each candidate (as time allows) to Laura by January 6.
 - Laura will include name, resume, application materials, and post-interview evaluations for the recommended candidates when she sends them to the rest of the commission for consideration prior to the January 7 Renters' Commission meeting. Laura will not include Kasey Burton on that email.
 - Lydia reminded commissioners to set aside time January 6 or 7 to review the recommended appointees application materials prior to the January 7 meeting.
 - People who volunteered to be on the interview team for the process are Allan, Sam, Kate, Lydia, and Angie (available weekdays after 4:30pm). Others may volunteer as long as the group stays under a quorum of commissioners. Laura will follow up to finalize the interview workgroup.
 - The commission voted on and approved the proposed and updated interview timeline. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
 - Lydia thanked the application review workgroup for their time creating a process to review applications, conduct interviews, etc.

Discuss Email from Public

The commission approved sending an email to the community member who emailed about security/locks technology to let them know the commission would discuss the topic early next year. Karen committed to drafting that email to send to Laura to forward on to the community member.

Unfinished/New Business

- City Budget Update
 - Laura shared updates on amendments that were passed in the City of Seattle budget for 2026 including \$50,000 to support the Seattle Renters' Commission.
 - The commission would like to know when the \$50,000 approved for the Renters' Commission will be available. Laura will check into this.
- Renters' Commission Budget Update
 - Laura updated the commission on its 2025 budget and spending. There was conversation about translated versions of the Renting in Seattle guides.
- Agni Bhattacharya, the Renters' Commission Get Engaged commissioner, introduced himself to the commission.
- Upcoming Events
 - Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception
 - The commission approved that all commissioners who attend the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception on December 5 can speak on behalf of the commission related to the commission's current work, projects, etc. at the event.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Decisions and Votes made during this meeting:

1. The commission voted on and approved the edited interview questions for the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board seats. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
2. The commission voted on and approved the post-interview evaluation form for the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board seats. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
3. The commission voted on and approved the proposed and updated interview timeline for the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board seats. Kasey Burton abstained from voting.
4. The commission approved sending an email to the community member who emailed about security/locks technology to let them know the commission would discuss the topic early next year.
5. The commission voted to amend the agenda. Commissioner Expectations and Interests and Tabling at Events will be discussed at future meetings. Kasey Burton abstained.