

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2025

6:30-8:00 PM

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, Lydia Felty, Julissa Sanchez, Dan Godfrey

Commissioners not in attendance Atif Osami

People with pending appointments in attendance: Julia Payne

Staff: Laura Jenkins

Quorum: Yes

Public Comment: Yes

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

Land and Labor Acknowledgments

- Led by Commissioner Kate Rubin.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The agenda for the March 5, 2025, meeting and February 4, 2025 Seattle Renters' Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment

- A few attendees provided public comment especially in relation to Social Housing Developer Board appointments.

Social Housing Developer Board Appointments

Current Open Seats:

- One vacant position currently.
- Two additional seats' terms expiring in May.

Discussion:

- The SRC is responsible for appointing seven board representatives.
- There was consensus on the urgency of filling open seats to maintain quorum for the Social Housing Board.
- A shortlist of candidates will be compiled by the current members of the Social Housing Developer Board by March 14, 2025. It will then be reviewed by the Seattle Renters' Commission.
- A special meeting is tentatively planned for the week of March 17-21, 2025, to finalize the selection of appointees.

Tenant Listening Session

Date: April 2, 2025

Format: Online and in-person at Seattle City Hall, Room 370, with a 30-person capacity

Translation Services:

- The commission voted on and approved a motion to allocate up to \$5,000 for translation and interpretation services in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese to ensure accessibility for the event.

Planning Meeting:

- A planning meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM to finalize event details.

New & Unfinished Business**Commission Appointments:**

- All SRC commissioner terms have technically expired and are awaiting reappointments by the City. Five people still have holdover voting power and can carry forward with commission business.
- Commissioners expressed concern over the delay in filling vacant seats.

Quarterly Check-ins with Social Housing Board:

- A proposal was made to establish quarterly check-ins with the Social Housing Board to ensure ongoing collaboration and communication.

Summary of Decisions & Action Items

- Discussed and established a timeline for Social Housing PDA Board appointments with a shortlist due by March 14, 2025, and a special meeting planned for the week of March 17-21, 2025.
- Approved a \$5,000 budget for translation services for the April 2, 2025, Tenant Listening Session.
- Establish quarterly check-ins with the Social Housing Board.

Next Meeting Dates

- **March 10, 2025:** Tenant Listening Session Planning (1:00 - 2:00 PM)
- **Week of March 17-21, 2025:** Special Meeting for Board Appointments
- **April 2, 2025:** Tenant Listening Session

Adjournment