

## **SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MEETING MINUTES**

May 7, 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

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Atif Osami, Julissa Sanchez, Dan Godfrey

**People with pending appointments in attendance:** Julia Payne

**Staff:** Laura Jenkins

**Quorum:** No

**Public Comment:** Yes

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

### **Welcome & Acknowledgments**

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- The approval of previous meeting minutes is postponed until the next meeting where there is a quorum of commissioners present.

#### **Public Comment and Discussion of Future Meeting Times**

- One person called in with questions about Washington State House Bill 1217 and if the passing of the bill would impact a pending rent increase their landlord announced.
- Staff Liaison Jenkins will send an availability poll for future meetings in lieu of an in-meeting discussion.

#### **Renters' Listening Session Report Drafting and Next Steps**

- Members at the meeting discussed next steps on the report about themes from the April 2025 Renters' Listening Session. Julia Payne will continue finalizing the draft and send it to the commission for review.
- Staff Liaison Jenkins will work on distributing translated Renting in Seattle booklets the commission paid to have printed.

#### **Emails from Community and City staff**

- Staff Liaison Jenkins brought up two emails from community members to the commission. She will respond to the community members with information they requested. She will loop in Commissioner Lydia Felty in case one community member has a follow-up question.
- Staff Liaison Jenkins also shared two email requests from City of Seattle staff to present at future Seattle Renters' Commission meetings. Staff Liaison Jenkins will invite them to the June or July meetings.

#### **Unfinished/New Business**

- Representatives for Quarterly Meetings with Social Housing Developer Board
  - This topic will be discussed at a future meeting when more commissioners are present.

- Pending Commission Appointments
  - No updates on pending commission appointments.
  - YMCA has started the recruitment and interview process for Get Engaged positions on various commissions including the Seattle Renters' Commission.
    - Staff Liaison Jenkins asked commissioners if they would like to be a part of the interview panel. They are interested and will attend as their schedules allow.
    - Commissioners asked Staff Liaison Jenkins to highlight the current status of the commission appointments during the recruitment/interview process, so applicants know that the commission is at a very limited capacity.
- 2025-2026 Work Plan
  - This topic will be discussed at a future meeting when more commissioners are present.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Meeting Adjourned**

#### **Decisions and Votes made during this meeting:**

1. None – there was not a quorum of commissioners present at the meeting.