

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

August 28, 2025

12:30 - 1:00pm

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, Lydia Felty, Allan Francis, Adora Blue, Liz Fite, Sally Kinney

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Julissa Sanchez, Daniel Lugo, Angela O'Brien, Andrew Ashiofu, Karen Taylor, Sam Wolfson

**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 and Approval of Agenda**

Meeting opened at 11:00am with a land and labor acknowledgment. Agenda approved.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment during the meeting.

### **Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) Proposal Discussion and Possible Vote**

The commission read through some responses from the Mayor's Office to the remaining questions they had from the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) proposal presentation at the August 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Commissioners at the meeting discussed their thoughts about the MFTE Proposal 7 (P7) and whether or not they wanted to make a written statement on the topic.

There was some confusion about whether or not the updates to streamline administrative parts of the program would be part of the P7 legislation or proposed separately. Laura Jenkins committed to following up with the Mayor's Office and updating the commission.

The commission voted to allow a workgroup of commissioners (less than a quorum) to write a letter on behalf of the commission:

- The letter will say that the current Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program should be extended for a year or there should be a one-year sunset on the new proposal (to be discussed among the workgroup).
- This letter may or may not list some potential ideas for a different update that would need to be further investigated.
- It will speak to the importance of engaging with renter stakeholders about this topic. Up to this point, it has felt like renters have been left out of decisions impacting them.

Commissioners who volunteered to be part of the workgroup include Allan Francis, Kate Rubin, Adora Blue, and Kasey Burton.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

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

1. The commission voted to allow a workgroup of commissioners (less than a quorum) to write a letter on behalf of the commission related to the MFTE P7.
  - Update: The [final letter](#) is posted on the Commission's website.