

**FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE
LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 22 2025

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Director Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
Quorum was not established at the top of the meeting

II. Attendees

Members Present: Lori Baxter (on behalf of Mayor Bruce Harrell), Janet Ceballos, Dr. Donald Felder, Dr. Ted Howard (on behalf of Superintendent Jones), Susan Lee, Melody McMillan (on behalf of Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap), Erin Okuno, Wendy Sykes (on behalf of Councilmember Maritza Rivera), Manuela Slye, Evan Smith, Linda Thompson-Black

Members Absent:

Natalie Beauregard, Sarah Clark, Marques Gittens, Girard Montejo-Thompson

Others Present: Dr. Chris Alejano (DEEL), Brittany-Ota Malloy (DEEL), Dr. Sarah Burtner (CBO), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Dr. Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Annia Yoshizumi (DEEL), Tristen (Guest), Jaymie Davis (Guest)

III. Public Comment

No public comments were announced at this meeting

IV. Business Items

Seattle Promise Program Update

Presenters:

- Dr. Brittany Ota-Malloy DEEL Postsecondary Manager
- Annia Yoshizumi, DEEL Evaluation Specialist

Review & Advise	Recommend	Vote	Advocate
Speaker Initials	Question/Comment		
ES	Q: What were the 2024 enrollment goals versus the actuals shown on Slide 11? A: On page 101 of the FEPP I&E Plan , DEEL estimated that Promise would reach scale in Year 3 of the Levy (SY 21-22) with 870 scholars enrolled annually.		

	Table 27: Seattle Promise 7-Year Enrollment and Matriculation Estimates							
	Student Participation	Year 1 SY	Year 2 SY	Year 3 SY	Year 4 SY	Year 5 SY	Year 6 SY	Year 7 SY
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	12 th Grade Students*	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360
	13 th Year Students**	261	544	544	544	544	544	544
	14 th Year Students***	129	157	326	326	326	326	326
	Total 13 th and 14 th Year Students	390	701	870	870	870	870	870
	<i>*The 12th Grade Student estimate was modelled using an average of 50% (or 80 students per school) of graduating seniors from 17 Seattle School District high schools</i>							
	<i>**The matriculation rate from 12th grade to 13th year at Seattle Colleges is assumed to be 40%</i>							
	<i>***The persistence rate from 13th to 14th year is assumed to be 60%. The cost model assumes full implementation for 13th year students in SY 2020-21, the 1st year of FEPP Levy investment, and full implementation for 14th year students in SY 2021-22.</i>							
DF	<p>Q: Between 2022-24 year-over-year growth appears to have become stagnant? How should this plateau be interpreted?</p>							
	<p>A: As a part of the Continuous Quality Improvement process, DEEL is partnering with the Colleges to examine matters such as program saturation and other variables affecting this number.</p> <p>ES Sentiment: From a budgeting perspective, while exceeding the enrollment goal is great, if double the amount of students enrolled is now the “number”... what can be done to maximize the dollars used and get more efficient for that [achieved] number as opposed to continue to account for or assume any growth and make the most of the dollars we are getting through the levy?</p>							
MS	<p>Is the Path to UW acceptance rate greater than the pathway where students apply to UW on their own or through other transfer pathways?</p>							
	<p>A: DEEL will follow up on direct response, in short, the answer is Yes.</p> <p>Path to UW’s impact can be seen as Promise student applications, admissions, and enrollments to UW Seattle have grown three consecutive years. Additionally, for the 2023 admission cycle, Path to UW students had an 82% admission rate to UW- Seattle, higher than both non-Path Promise students (59%) and the overall admission rate for Washington community college students (69%).</p>							
	<p>What is the messaging to the families seeking affordable higher education opportunities that do not attend Seattle Promise eligible schools?</p>							
	<p>A: Director Chappelle will connect with the member offline to continue dialogue.</p>							

- Dir. Chappelle reviewed the updated 2025 Meeting Schedule

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

VI. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions

- Director Chappelle will connect with MS on her question around affordable higher education opportunities for students not enrolled in Promise.