



# Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, October 11, 2024

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

## **In-Person Meeting Location**

Seattle City Hall 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370

[Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, & building access\)](#)

## **Remote Meeting Location**

WebEx

## Members Present

Councilmember Donny Stevenson, Megan Castillo, Suzanne Sailto, Derrick Belgarde, Asia Tail & Jaci McCormack

## Members Excused

Councilmember Jay Mills, Councilmember Jeremy Takala & Esther Lucero

## Meeting Guests

- Mary Mitchell, Michael Adusah, & Waing Waing, Human Services Department
- Alex O'Reilly, Joe Hailey, Joel Domingo, and Tom Minty, Seattle-King County Advisory Council for Aging and Disability Services

## Items

Number	Topic	Time
1	<b>Welcome and Opening Blessing</b>	<b>5 min</b>
2	<b>Approval of the Agenda (October)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved without changes.</li></ul> <b>Approval of the Minutes (September)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved without changes.</li></ul>	<b>5 min</b>
3	<b>Cross-Commission Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members of the Seattle-King County Advisory Council for Aging and Disability Services (ADS) and staff from the Human Services Department (HSD) shared an overview of the Area Agency on Aging and the role of the ADS Advisory Council. The IAC shared about the roles, responsibilities, and priorities of the IAC.</li><li>• Commissioners discussed mutual priority to better respect and uplift elders across society. IAC members shared about the essential role that elders play in Native cultures and how Native values inform strong cultural norms around honoring elders. From mainstream program and services to protection and revitalization of Native cultures, the need to uplift elders was a central point of discussion. Members expressed interest in learning and sharing more about legislative efforts to support programs and services for aging populations through state and federal advocacy. Both commissions expressed interest in continuing to engage in issues of mutual interest.</li></ul>	<b>45 min</b>
4	<b>2025-2026 Mayor's Proposed City Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff revisited the remaining budget timeline for the 2025-2026 budget. Key dates include Central Staff policy consideration from 10/16-10/21, revenue forecast update on 10/22, Chair's balancing</li></ul>	<b>35 min</b>

package on 10/30, final amendments from 11/13-11/15, and anticipated final action on 11/19 and 11/21.

- Staff revisiting information on the current budget context including key drivers of the general fund deficit, roles of the Mayor’s Office and Seattle City Council, an overview of the high level investments citywide and in the General Fund, and a summary of proposed changes to the Payroll Expense Tax Fund.
- Members reviewed a summary table of the proposed changes to the 2025-2026 Mayor’s Budget that may impact Tribal and urban Native communities. Members discussed changes to the Payroll Expense Tax Fund, affordable housing investments, youth mental health investments, Tribal Nations Summit priorities, and overall challenges of determining budget impacts to Native communities and the chronic underinvestment in Native communities.

5	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Peoples’ Day           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The IAC invested in five community-led and intertribal Indigenous Peoples’ Day events, commissioned a graphic designer to create marketing materials and social media toolkit, commissioned a blog series amplifying Indigenous people, business, and places, and provided event posters to event organizers citywide.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thunderbird Treatment Center           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The IAC sent a letter of support for Thunderbird Treatment Center to King County Councilmember Mosqueda and members of the King County Council, state agencies, and federal partners expressing support for inpatient culturally attuned behavioral health services. American Indian and Alaska Native people in King County disproportionately experience fatal opioid overdose- demonstrating the urgent need for culturally attuned behavioral health services from Indian Health Care Providers that met the specific needs of Tribal and urban Native people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>15 min</b>
6	<p><b>Member Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Chief Seattle Club Annual Luncheon</a> 10/23/24</li> </ul>	<b>Up to 5 min</b>
7	<p><b>Hybrid Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No request for public comment.</li> </ul>	<b>Up to 10 min</b>
9	<p><b>Closing &amp; Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly invoicing for July-Sept is due Nov 30.</li> </ul>	

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- Friday, December 6, 5-7pm Citywide Boards and Commission celebration.
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