

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

Special Session

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 06/04/24 Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Nina Olivier, Jess Wallach, Andrea Ornelas, Peter Hasegawa, Rachel Heaton, Camille Gipaya, Nancy Huizar, Emily Meyers, Emily Pinckney, Stephanie Ung, Hannah Lindell – Smith, Keith Weir
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Susan Balbas, Steve Gelb
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE),

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVAL of the Board’s Budget Recommendations with the amendments discussed during the meeting. • APPROVAL to submit the Board’s letter on the 2021 Amendments to the Seattle Energy Code. • APPROVAL to cancel the Board’s June meeting.
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Finalize and transmit the Board’s 2025-2026 Budget Recommendations	Policies, Projects, Programs Committee and staff	June 7
2	Finalize and transmit the Board’s comment letter on the Proposed 2021 Seattle Energy Code Updates	Executive Committee	June 12

MEETING NOTES

Peter Hasegawa, Debolina Banerjee Nina Olivier (GNDOB Executive Committee members) and Elise Rasmussen (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate) facilitated the meeting.

Notes taken by Sara Cubillos (Climate Justice Advisor).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nina Olivier started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, facilitated introductions, and provided a land and legacy acknowledgement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

BRIEFING FROM THE POLICIES, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ON THE GND OVERSIGHT BOARD'S DRAFT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Elise Rasmussen provided an overview of the Board's budget recommendation process and the updated structure of the recommendation document which includes:

- Letter from the Executive Committee
- Key Strategies: develop workforce, develop a green and regenerative economy, promote climate resilience and protect health in frontline communities, advance environmental justice, leverage federal and state dollars for green infrastructure, and decarbonize housing while also preventing displacement.
- 3 categories of recommendations: continue to invest in existing programs that are successfully advancing climate justice, invest in cutting-edge and life-saving climate technologies and programming, and maintain current investment for climate justice.
- Appendix that includes the Board's membership, mission, vision, values, and key definitions.

DISCUSSION: BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

In their discussion, the Board identified the following points for the budget recommendations:

- Include details on how to communicate incentive opportunities to the public.
- Specify how property owners and property managers can access incentive programs.
- Express support for the tree canopy expansion to public bus stops that is included in the transportation plan. There are strategies that address this suggestion that the City is already moving forward.
- Highlight that youth and elderly people are highly vulnerable to extreme weather events and would greatly benefit from having access to resilience hubs.
 - Include a list of groups of people who are especially vulnerable based on available data.

VOTE: GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 BIENNIUM

Peter Hasegawa moved to adopt the Board Recommendations with the discussed amendments. **Nancy Huizar** seconded. Unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Committee presented a draft letter with recommendations to the City Code Advisory Board (CCAB), City Council, and the Mayor's Office regarding the 2021 amendments to the Seattle Energy Code. **Nina Olivier** will attend the informational public meeting on Thursday and provide public

comment based on the Board's letter. Due to the timeline for comment, the Executive Committee recommends that the Board adopt the draft letter to be finalized and submitted.

VOTE: SUBMIT THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION LETTER ON THE 2021 SEATTLE ENERGY CODE.

Peter Hasegawa moved to submit the letter. **Kieth Weir** seconded. Unanimously approved.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

- The PPP Committee will update and finalize the Board's budget recommendations based on Board member feedback.
- The Board discussed cancelling its June Board Meeting.

VOTE: CANCEL THE BOARD'S JUNE MEETING.

Peter Hasegawa moved to cancel the Board's June meeting. **Keith Wier** seconded. Vote approved.

Peter Hasegawa moved to adjourn the meeting. **Keith Weir** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.