

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 07/15/24
	Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
	Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Nina Olivier, Andrea Ornelas, Camille Gipaya, Nancy Huizar, Emily Myers, Emily Pinckney, Stephanie Ung, Steve Gelb, Lizzy Baskerville, Susan Balbas, Eunice How
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Peter Hasegawa, Jess Wallach, Rachel Heaton, Hanna Lindell-Smith, Keith Weir
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE),

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• APPROVAL of May and June Meeting Minutes
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MEETING NOTES

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

Meeting notes were taken by Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE Climate and Environmental Justice Graduate Intern)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Debolina Banerjee started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, facilitated introductions, and provided a land and legacy acknowledgement.

VOTE: Approve May & June Meeting Minutes

Steve Gelb moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for May and June. **Nina Olivier** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes for May and June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided staff updates for OSE.

Staff updates included the following:

- Review of the City Budget process timeline
- Scheduling a GNDOB Retreat on September 13th
- The Board will use google drive to collaborate moving forward
- OSE staff is updating the Boards membership roster on the City's Board's and Commissions website
- Request for Board members to support at upcoming community assemblies
- In the process of scheduling Council Meet and Greets to share more about the work of the Board and the Green New Deal
- Overview of the process for 2024 Board Stipends

Discussion

- **Steve Gelb** asked if it may help to testify at Council or schedule meetings with the Council to discuss the Board's budget recommendations.
 - **Elise Rasmussen** said that staff can assist with preparing for these types of meetings if that's how the Board would like to move forward. OSE staff is also working to schedule meetings with Council members.
 - **Debolina Banerjee** said that the Executive Committee can take lead on these meetings with support from others.
- **Debolina Banerjee** asked if the Council has set a timeline for releasing an update on the budget.
 - **Elise Rasmussen** and **Sara Cubillos** will follow up on this question as they get more information.
- The Board shared their ideas for possible GNDob Retreat agenda items:
 - Defining the Green New Deal more concretely and how the Board can be most impactful
 - Identifying data the Board needs from the County, City, and other Departments

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debolina Banerjee gave an update on the upcoming elections for Executive Committee members.

Debolina's term is coming to a close. Nominations will go out in August. Individuals can self-nominate or nominate others. All 3 positions are open, but only 2 existing members can serve an additional term.

Nina Olivier gave an update on the comment letter submitted on the Seattle Energy Code. Many individuals have been in conversations with the Mayor's office to ensure energy efficiency. The Mayor's office has accepted several recommendations, and an updated energy code will be provided to the public soon; Nina will present this to the Board once it's available.

Nina Olivier gave an update on the Building Emissions Performance Standard (BEPS) which will go into effect soon. A working group is being set up to draft specific rules, guidance, and compliance strategies for building owners to meet the BEPS requirements. Nina has been asked to serve as a member of this working group and she will be reporting back to the GNDob on the progress of the working group.

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

Steve Gelb shared that Emerald Cities Collaborative is working on a weatherization innovation project in Beacon Hill. Their goal is to reach as many households as possible that meet certain requirements. They are working with El Centro de la Raza and others. If anyone is interested in this or can connect Steve to other members in the community to help get the word out about this project can let Steve know.

Debolina Banerjee gave an update on the Payroll Expense Tax and a community event Puget Sound Sage had about the programs the Tax funds. There will be another event coming up to continue showing support for the Payroll Expense Tax.

Matt Remle gave an update on the upcoming Lunch & Learn they are organizing with other partners to discuss global and local actions led by community groups and contracts.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Matte Remle moved to adjourn. **Nancy Huizar** seconded. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.