

# GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



Seattle  
Office of Sustainability  
& Environment



## MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Emily Pinckney, Jamie Stroble, Fatima Kabba, Nancy Huizar, Camille Gipaya, Brittani Cain, Akiksha Chatterji, Matt Remle, Elizabeth Baskerville, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Leah Wood, Peter Hasegawa, Nina Olivier, and Rachel Heaton

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Stephanie Ung, John Sanchez, and Rosalund Jenkins

**GUESTS** OSE Staff: Elise Rasmussen, Jazzmin Fragiacomio, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano, Paulina Deschamps Ramirez, and Karen Sherwood  
Public: Gaby Batinich

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**ACTION ITEMS** Approval of November Meeting Minutes

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## MEETING NOTES

**Matt Remle, Emily Pinckney, and Nancy Huizar** (GNDOB Executive Committee) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by **Jazzmin Fragiacomio** (Climate Justice Planning & Development Specialist), **Elise Rasmussen** (Interim Climate Justice Advisor), and **Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano** (Climate and Environmental Justice Intern).

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Matt Remle** started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

## VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**Emily Pinckney** motioned to approve the minutes. **Nancy Huizar** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the November Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.**

## STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jazzmin Fragiacomio** and **Elise Rasmussen** provided the following updates and announcements from the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE).

- **Jazzmin Fragiacomio** provided updates on:

- She accepted a permanent position at OSE and introduced new OSE staff member, **Marion Romero**, who starts later in January. Marion will be working to support and staff the Board.
- The 2024 Community Assemblies Report was released by People’s Economy Lab (PEL) and OSE’s published a blog post about the Indigenous and Urban Native Community Assembly held in December 2025 hosted by Rising Tides. The Indigenous and Urban Native community assembly discussed topics including food systems and gathering, environmental racism, wealth-building, housing, and adapting to climate change. A report with recommendations from that assembly will be published by Rising Tides later this year and will inform the priorities of Seattle’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) update and future GNDOB priorities.
  - **Leah Wood** and **Elise Rasmussen** shared their key takeaways and experiences from attending the Indigenous and Urban Community Assembly including the policy priorities that arose, meaningful conversations that occurred, strategies to increase community communication, and overlapping solution priorities between Community and the GNDOB.
- A recap of the GNDOB End of Year Celebration that occurred in December 2025.
- **Elise Rasmussen** provided updates on:
  - The Mayoral Transition and OSE leadership. Updates are limited as the new Mayor is just beginning her term, but OSE will share updates as they can.
  - OSE’s Resilience Work in the last year including convening an Engagement Cohort focused on understanding community priorities for climate resilience, organizing two community assemblies, supporting resilience hubs and pods in frontline communities, partnerships with two mutual aid initiatives to distribute supplies that support climate resilience (e.g., box fans and filters) among other necessary items and services, and working with the University of Washington’s Climate Impacts Group to write a report with recommendations focused on the relationship between mutual aid and community climate preparedness.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Emily Pinckney** led Executive Committee updates and announcements.

- **Jamie Stroble** shared updates on:
  - Impacts of the County Executive Transition including staff layoffs, reconstruction of staff layouts, and new positions among green initiatives and programs.
  - **Emily Pinckney** shared her takeaways and experience from a Climate Town Hall held in December, which focused on brainstorming climate policy solutions.
- **Nancy Huizar** shared the GNDOB’s budget and CAP recommendations process has begun and encouraged Board members to schedule time to meet to discuss priorities.
- **Matt Remle** shared the Indigenous-Led Climate Initiative award winners will be announced soon. **Rachel Heaton** shared a summary of the work and projects of the applicants and awardees, and her excitement to see the impact of the work being supported by the Indigenous-Led Climate Initiative. This body of work was made possible from a previous GNDOB budget recommendation, and the Board has been in strong support in standing up this grant opportunity.

- **Nina Olivier** shared the Capacity Building Program, a new funding partnership created by a King County Public Health and NextCycle partnership. The program aims to support circular economy projects that aim to better the health, environment, and reduce waste.
- **Rachel Heaton** shared she has begun the process to creating an educational space to host climate conversations in nature.
- **Peter Hasegawa** presented on the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board (SSHDB), which oversees and governs the affairs of the Seattle Social Housing Developer Public Development Association. The SSHDB will be having an important vote in the near future, and the GNDOB has appointed a member to the SSHDB. The current individual in that seat may have a conflict of interest when it comes to that important vote. Peter worked with the Executive Committee and others on the Board to draft a letter to that individual to share the GNDOB's concerns with that individual's participation in that vote and is hoping for a GNDOB vote to approve and send that letter. Furthermore, this individual plans to step down on January 16, so the GNDOB will need to appoint a new person to fill that seat on the SSHDB. The GNDOB Executive Committee is requesting that GNDOB members recommend and invite potential candidates to meet with the GNDOB to discuss the Board position.
  - GNDOB members inquired on candidate requirements, responsibilities, and reappointment timeline. OSE staff stated there is no official timeline, requirement or responsibilities list, but the appointing process will be as soon as the Board position is empty. Meanwhile, the GNDOB can work to develop a set of requirements and responsibilities to screen potential candidates.
  - **Peter Hasegawa** motioned to allow the Executive Committee to contact the GNDOB's appointee to the SSHDB to share the GNDOB's concerns with a potential conflict of interest. **Jamie Stroble** seconded. **The Board voted to allow the Executive Committee to represent the GNDOB on this matter and contact the GNDOB's appointee on the SSHDB. Unanimous approval.**

## BUDGET AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS WORK KICK OFF

**Jazzmin Fragiacom** presented on the Budget and CAP recommendations including a timeline and background of process including:

- The Board's primary function to create climate-related budget recommendation and the Board's new responsibility to provide recommendations to CAP due to Executive Order (EO) 2025-04: Advancing Climate Resilience and Reducing Transportation Emissions.
- Recap of last year's GNDOB funding recommendations which were and continue to retain funding.
- January 2026-April 2026 phases for 2026 Funding Recommendations and CAP.

## NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

**Peter Hasegawa** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Brittani Cain** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7pm. Unanimous approval.**