

# GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



**Seattle**  
Office of Sustainability  
& Environment



## MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2025

5:00 – 7:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Emily Pinckney, Nina Olivier, Rosalund Jenkins, Jamie Stroble, Fatima Kabba, John Sanchez, Nancy Huizar, Camille Gipaya, Brittani Cain, Akiksha Chatterji, and Matt Remle

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Peter Hasegawa, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Stephanie Ung, Lizzy Baskerville Rachel Heaton, and Leah Wood

**GUESTS** OSE Staff: Elise Rasmussen, Jazzmin Fragiaco, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano

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## ACTION ITEMS

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Board Response to Mayor's Proposed Budget

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## MEETING NOTES

**Emily Pinckney** (GNDOB Executive Committee) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by **Jazzmin Fragiaco** (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate), **Elise Rasmussen** (Interim Climate Justice Advisor), and **Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano** (Climate and Environmental Justice Intern).

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Emily Pinckney** started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Olivia Oppgaard** introduced themselves as a member of the public and a student at the University of Washington who is studying Journalism. Olivia shared she would be writing a story based on her observations of the public meeting for a class assignment.

## VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**Matt Remle** motioned to approve the minutes. **Nancy Huizar** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the September Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.**

## STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jazzmin Fragiaco** and **Elise Rasmussen** provided the following updates and announcements from OSE.

- Jazzmin introduced the two new interns, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano and Sarah Chatter, who will be supporting the Board's work.
- Jazzmin shared that there will be an event celebrating the grantees for 2025 Building Decarbonization Grant that OSE administers on 10/21/2025. The GNDOB's Co-Chair, Emily Pinckney, will be providing remarks along with the Mayor and a recipient of this grant. This grant program exists in large part because of the advocacy the GNDOB did to ensure that under-resourced buildings had support to comply with the City's Building Emissions Performance Standards.
- Elise shared potential dates for the GNDOB's End of Year Celebration with final details to be announced.
- Elise shared that the PET forecast update was released on 10/20/2025. Details are limited at the moment, but OSE Staff will share out more details as they become available.
- Elise shared Indigenous-Led Climate Initiative Fund has compiled a project list of projects vetted in native and tribal communities. The identified organizations and communities have been invited to apply for funding by their respective deadlines: next week for organizations and next month for tribes due to additional steps. Grantee selection is expected by the end of the year.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Matt Remle** led introduction of the new Executive Committee. **Nancy Huizar** and **Emily Pinckney** introduced themselves as Co-Chairs.

Nancy reminded members to meet with their Board buddies to form connections with fellow Board members.

## DISCUSSION: BOARD'S RESPONSE TO MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET

**Nancy Huizar** shared that the Mayor's Proposed Budget is similar to what was included in the Endorsed Budget for 2026 put out last year. Of note, the funds from the Payroll Expense Tax (PET) were allocated to resource Sound Transit 3 (ST3). Nancy also stated approximately half of PET revenue is being directed to the City's General Fund. Nancy then facilitated the conversation for Board feedback on the draft letter:

- **Matt Remle** suggested including language about restoring the originally legislated allocation of 9% of PET revenue for Green New Deal investments to support the GNDOB's priority of reducing the amount of PET funds being diverted to the General Funds.
- **Emily Pinckney, Brittani Cain, and Rosalund Jenkins**, suggested including GND values and vision, prevailing wages to the letter, and less subjective verbiage.
- **Emily Pinckney** shared that the GNDOB received a response to the budget-related questions they submitted prior to the meeting on 10/20/2025.

- **Nancy Huizar** encouraged GNDob members to meet with City Councilmembers as constituents to discuss their priorities.

### **VOTE: APPROVAL OF BOARD'S RESPONSE TO MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Matt Remle** moved to approve granting authority to the Policy, Projects, and Programs (PPP) Committee to finalize the Board's letter in response to the Mayor's Proposed Budget. **Emily Pinckney** seconded. **The Board voted to approve finalization of the letter by the PPP Committee. Unanimous approval.**

### **NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN**

**Emily Pinckney** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Brittani Cain** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Unanimous approval.**