

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



Seattle
Office of Sustainability
& Environment



MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Emily Pinckney, Nancy Huizar, Matt Remle, Brittani Cain, Akiksha Chatterji, Leah Wood, Jamie Stroble, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Rachel Heaton, Nina Olivier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Stephanie Ung, Fatima Kabba, Camille Gipaya, Rosalund Jenkins, John Sanchez, Peter Hasegawa, Elizabeth Baskerville

GUESTS OSE Staff: Elise Rasmussen, Jazzmin Fragiacomio, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano, Marion Romero, Narita Ghumman

ACTION ITEMS Approval of February Meeting Minutes

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), **Marion Romero** (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate) and **Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano** (Climate and Environmental Justice Intern).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nancy Huizar started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

The Green New Deal Oversight Board (GNDOB) continued its new welcome routine where a Board member shares about themselves and their work for Board members and the public to get an understanding of the wide array of work that Board Members are a part of. **Emily Pinckney** shared about her work at Breaking Barriers Collaborative which focuses on fleet electrification efforts and the Small Business Electric Vehicles Launchpad program, which supports BIPOC-owned small business in their electrification efforts and providing financial capital in their transition. She is also a part of Sustainable Seattle, a non-profit which supports BIPOC-organizations conducting on the ground environmental justice work. **Rachel Heaton** volunteered to share at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Emily Pinckney motioned to approve the minutes with amendments. **Leah Wood** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.**

STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff provided the following updates and announcements from the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE).

- **Marion Romero** explained the scheduling process for Meet-and-Greets with Council Members. **Elise Rasmussen** encouraged Board Members to meet with Council Members' districts they live in or a part of a committee they work within.
- **Elise Rasmussen** introduced the First People's Climate Fund Celebration on April 14th, which will include grant recipient announcements, a panel discussion, and an opportunity to meet with Native-led and serving organizations to learn about their climate justice work. **Matt Remle** provided context of the Fund including its origins from a previous Board recommendation aiming to support Tribes and Native organizations who continue to be climate and environmental justice leaders. Elise shared a new job opening in the Building Emissions Performance Standard Program at OSE and encouraged Board members to share the announcement with their networks.
- **Jazzmin Fragiaco** invited Board members to a lunch and learn with the Policies, Projects, Programs Committee to learn from OSE and Office of Housing (OH) staff about Seattle's Clean Heat Program and its outreach with frontline communities.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board's Executive Committee shared updates and announcements.

- **Emily Pinckney** provided an update on the Social Housing Board Appointment process. Executive Committee members have extended the recruitment timeline. Interested applicants must submit a resume and letter of intent. Elise expanded on the role responsibilities and applicant criteria including a 2-term limit, minimum 5-year commitment, and no residency requirement.
- **Nancy Huizar** provided context on a proposed action item regarding the Library Levy proposal from Mayor Wilson. The Mayor's proposal has moved to City Council and will continue to move through the process to be on ballot in August. The Levy includes \$5.9 million for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) updates. The Executive Committee inquired about interest from the Board in supporting the Levy by writing a letter to Mayor Wilson and City Council and aligning it with the Board's 2027-2028 Budget recommendations and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update recommendations. The Executive Committee suggested adding the topic to April's meeting to discuss further.
- **Nancy Huizar** provided a recap on the Board's retreat, where Board members reflected on their purpose for joining the Board, participated in a community asset mapping exercise, and discussed reviving the Community Engagement Committee. **Emily Pinckney** shared about the Community Engagement Committee's purpose to focus on communication strategies, coalition building with other City Boards and Commissions, supporting Board members' organizations, lunch and learns,

and more. There is space for two more members to join this Committee. The Board will revisit this topic in May. Day two of the retreat included a presentation on the Climate Action Plan by Narita Ghumman (CAP Manger), workshopping CAP update recommendations and 2027-2028 Budget recommendations. **Hannah Lindell-Smith** and **Nina Olivier** shared about their experiences and highlights of the Board's Retreat.

CAP RECOMMENDATIONS DRAFT

Jazzmin Fragiacom presented drafted CAP Update recommendations with the Board from their retreat working session. Jazzmin requested the Board's feedback on each recommendation including language and sentence structure and clarifying recommendations to make them stronger that the PPP Committee will integrate in the next round of revisions. The draft recommendations include:

- Making energy infrastructure climate resilient and developing a climate resiliency recovery fund for communities impacted by climate-related disasters and hazards
- Funding a program to provide resilience planning technical assistance to communities throughout Seattle
- Funding a program for youth-led and youth-serving community initiatives
- Long-term investments for small business and green infrastructure projects
- Aligning with King County's 'design out waste' goal of the County's 2025 Strategic Climate Action Plan
- Improving coordination and establishing long-term plans across Washington State government, Accountable Communities of Health, King County, and the City of Seattle during climate and environmental emergencies

Board members provided further context and clarifying details for the foundation and thought process of each recommendation. Board members raised concerns regarding a few of the multi-faceted recommendations and possible implementation and impacts not aligning with the original purpose and goal of that recommendation. The remaining draft CAP Update recommendations not covered during the meeting were sent to the Board via email with instructions for an asynchronous feedback process.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Matt Remle moved to adjourn the meeting. **Rachel Heaton** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm. Unanimous approval.**