

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



Seattle
Office of Sustainability
& Environment



MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2025

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Peter Hasegawa, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney, Andrea Ornelas, Nina Olivier, Rachel Heaton, Debolina Banerjee, Emily Myers, Matt Remle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS OSE Staff: Elise Rasmussen, Sara Cubillos, Jazzmin Fragiacomio,

ACTION ITEMS Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Vote: Letter of Support for OSE

MEETING NOTES

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

Meeting notes were taken by **Jazzmin Fragiacomio** (OSE).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Steve Gelb moved to approve the minutes. **Matt Remle** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the May Meeting Minutes. **Unanimous approval.**

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Introducing new Board member recommendations and update on the appointment process

- Notice of Appointments have been sent to the appointing authorities
- Expected to present to the City Council Sustainability, City Light, and Arts and Culture subcommittee on July 11th
- Currently working with the Mayor's office to fill the remaining labor seat and undergoing Tribal engagement to fill the vacant Tribal Representative seat
- **Jazzmin Fragiaco** shared information about the onboarding process for incoming GND Oversight Board members, including the timeline and activities that staff are suggesting for onboarding.
 - Board members who are terming off are invited to continue to participate on the Board until new Board members are officially sworn in.
 - **Andrea Ornelas** shared that she really likes the idea of a Board Buddy. She also shared that she has notes for the Knowledge Transfer document that she would like to share.
 - **Steve Gelb** brought up the issue of Board attendance and wanting to make sure that we are doing what we can to maximize meeting attendance and participation. He also brought up the point of capacity, and not doing too many onboarding activities.
- **Jazzmin Fragiaco** provided a recap of the Board's recent field trip and shared highlights.
 - **Emily Pinckney** shared her gratitude for Rachel and for the time she spent with us
 - **Rachel Heaton** shared her gratitude for coming on the field trip and engaging on topics of cultural sustainability, connection to the land and how that connects to our climate work, circular economy, land preservation, making time for connection with one another and with the land.
- **Elise Rasmussen** gave a reminder for Board members to submit their documentation for receiving a stipend
- **Elise Rasmussen** shared an update that the Office of Emergency Management Lunch & Learn will be rescheduled
 - Board members that are terming off are welcome to join the Lunch & Learn when it happens

Presentation: Clean Heat Letter of Support by Saurabh Harohalli and Christine Bunch

- **Saurabh Harohalli**, OSE's Clean Heat Coordinator, introduced himself and **Christine Bunch** and OSE's Government Affairs and Climate and Energy Advisor
 - Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) decarbonization grant is funded by the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and offers \$3 Million to help convert any natural gas customers to electric appliances.
 - OSE is trying to expand their Clean Heat program and is seeking letters of support to submit with the grant application.
 - OSE is asking for \$1 million, which would serve 140 low to moderate income households.
 - Some funds will be reserved for admin and community engagement.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OSE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Nina Olivier moved to approve. **Peter Hasegawa** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the letter of support for OSE's grant application. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nina Olivier, Emily Pinckney, and Peter Hasegawa provided the following Executive Committee updates:

- **Nina Olivier, Emily Pinckney, and Peter Hasegawa** appreciate and acknowledge the important work of the terming off Board members.
- **Peter Hasegawa** provided an update on the low-carbon letter transmission and the correspondence around the Families and Education Levy.
- **Emily Pinckney** provided an update on the letter responding to the May Day USA protests
 - Executive committee and staff are working to schedule a meeting with the City's LGBTQ+ Commission to understand how the Board can best be in solidarity

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Matt Remle moved to adjourn the meeting and **Emily Pinckney** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. **Unanimous approval.**