

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Emily Pinckney, Matt Remle, Brittani Cain, Fatima Kabba, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Jamie Stroble, Leah Wood, Nina Olivier, Peter Hasegawa, Rachel Heaton, Rosalund Jenkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Nancy Huizar, Akiksha Chatterji, Camille Gipaya, Elizabeth Baskerville, John Sanchez, Stephanie Ung

GUESTS OSE Staff: Elise Rasmussen, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano, Marion Romero

ACTION ITEMS Approval of May Meeting Minutes

MEETING NOTES

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

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

The Green New Deal Oversight Board (GNDOB) continued its 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.

Brittani Cain, a Labor Union Representative on the Board, works as a business agent for the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association (OPCMIA) Local 528 which represents cement masons and plasterers in civil projects. Brittani's work has focused on increasing women's participation in Local 528 and the trades. Local 528 are also leading the conversation on integrating supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) and low-carbon cement into the City of Seattle's building code and have partnered with the American Concrete Institute (ACI) to support this work. Local 528 has also met with other organizations to discuss how these materials have been utilized in other projects, their longevity, and issues that have arisen. Board Members asked follow-up questions about how to get involved in Brittani's work, the longevity and durability of low-carbon cement, and how data can support the use of SCMs and low-carbon cement in other projects. Brittani extended an invitation to Local 528's September

30th event where organizations and individuals from varying sectors will come together to further discuss SCMs and low-carbon cement and shared that the longevity and durability of SCMs and low-carbon cement are dependent on the exact components of the mixture so the lifespan can range between 120 to 150 years. **Rosalund Jenkins** was selected to present at August's Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

Peter Hasegawa motioned to approve the minutes. **Nina Olivier** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the May 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** outlined next steps for Board Appointment Process including the Application Review team reviewing 35 applications, identifying candidates to move forward with by August 6th, and requested the Board's input by August 10th.
- **Emily Pinckney** shared insights from Councilmember Meet and Greets with Councilmember Rinck, Councilmember Rivera, and Councilmember Hollingsworth's staff. Emily shared that the meetings aimed to build relationships and connect Councilmembers' climate and environmental priorities to the Board's work. Board members highlighted the Board's 2027-2028 Budget Recommendations, and recurring Councilmembers' interests. There are two more Councilmember Meet and Greets coming up with Councilmember Saka and Councilmember Foster's staff in August.
- **Rachel Heaton** recapped the Board's Field Trip which included a tour of the land, removing invasive species in the area, and grounding Board members in the land. Rachel shared she is planning another Board Field Trip in the Fall.
- **Elise Rasmussen** encouraged Board members to fill out the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Survey before it closes on July 20th and provided a summary of the July 15th CAP Regional Partners Forum which brought together individuals from different sectors to discuss climate change, its connection to their work, and brainstorm CAP actions. OSE staff, University of Washington's (UW) Climate Impacts Group, and Dr. Stefan Wheat led presentations on climate change impacts on ecology and connections between the climate crisis and human health. **Elise** introduced the Climate Ready Curriculum, a three-module curriculum co-created with community-based groups and organizations, which provides information on how to prepare, stay safe, and protect one's health during Seattle-specific climate hazards like extreme heat and wildfire smoke, extreme rain and flooding, and extreme winter weather. The curriculum includes background information, group activities, and resources in English, with more languages releasing soon. **Matt Remle** and

Hannah Lindell-Smith praised the curriculum's user-friendly approach, interactive activities, and ongoing support from community.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board's Executive Committee shared the following updates and announcements:

- **Matt Remle** provided a summary of the Seattle Social Housing Board (SSHB) Appointment, and Executive Committee' strategy meetings outlining Board's work for the rest of 2026, including reviewing and providing Budget and CAP input in September and October. Matt communicated the Indigenous Advisory Council's invitation to their August 14th meeting to learn about each other's priorities, work, and how to support one another.
- **Emily Pinckney** summarized the City's Data Center Moratorium which includes creating a Community Benefits Agreement Framework and studying potential impacts and permitting processes for data centers. The Executive Committee would like for the Board to learn about the potential impacts from data centers and community priorities to create a Board stance. Emily also outlined the Executive Committee's interest and next steps to create Board policy priorities as a tool for communication, guidance, and proactive work.
- **Matt Remle** revisited the Board's April Lunch-and-Learn which focused on legislation aiming to ensure the banks the City uses for its pension system does not finance fossil fuels companies. Matt shared the Policies, Projects, and Programs (PPP) Committee reviewed the letter and recommended the Board sign on to support the legislation. OSE staff will share the letter with the Board for review prior to a vote at August's Meeting.

UPDATE: GATHERING INPUT ON DATA CENTERS

Emily Pinckney and **Jamie Stroble** provided the following updates on the Community Engagement Committee's (CEC) and PPP Committee's focus on gathering input on data centers.

- **Emily Pinckney** shared the CEC will be creating an outreach strategy for community engagement and developing a marketing tool for talking points of Board priorities. Emily shared the CEC is finalizing a date for a CEC/Board hosted community event focused on the data moratorium and possibly attending other community events hosted by community partners to gather input.
- **Jamie Stroble** outlined the PPP Committee's role in gathering input process including creating shared principles to guide the PPP Committee's research. The Board began to discuss reviewing existing frameworks and principles from other organizations as a first step for creating a Board stance on data centers. The Board discussed preliminary questions and urged them to connect with their Board Buddies to review principles and research questions.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Peter Hasegawa moved to adjourn the meeting. **Jamie Stroble** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. Unanimous approval.**