

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Matt Remle, Nancy Huizar, Akiksha Chatterji, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Jamie Stroble, Leah Wood, Nina Olivier, Peter Hasegawa, Rachel Heaton, Rosalund Jenkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Emily Pinckney, Brittani Cain, Camille Gipaya, Elizabeth Baskerville, Fatima Kabba, John Sanchez, Stephanie Ung

GUESTS OSE Staff: Marion Romero, Ashlyn Gonzalez-Soriano, Sara Cubillos, Narita Ghumman

Public: Chris Evergreen, Dialiha Tounkara, Eliza Pan, Randy Diamond

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Vote: Sign-on to Letter Supporting Bank and Pension Legislation

MEETING NOTES

Matt Remle and Nancy Huizar (GNDOB Executive Committee) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by **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, delivered the land acknowledgment, 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.

Rosalund Jenkins, a Workforce Training Representative on the Board, serves as the Northwest Regional Director at Emerald Cities Representatives (ECC) Northwest, which offers leadership development and workforce programs in electrical, engineering, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) industries. **Rosalund** highlighted the HVAC Career Prep Scholarship which provides financial support and real-world experience for individuals to pursue an associate in applied technology (AAT) degree at Clover Park Technical College. **Rosalund's** work also supports Studio 2050, an opportunity for Oregon college

students interested in energy use in the built environments to deepen their understanding, expand professional networks, and apply their skills to creating energy-efficient buildings. **Rosalund** shared additional updates on the Electrical Pathways Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways cohorts. **Jamie Stroble** volunteered to present at September's Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eliza Pan, co-founder of Amazon Employees for Climate Justice (AEJC), requested the Board submit a letter to Seattle City Council and the Mayor urging them to support AEJC and its members. AEJC is concerned about data centers, their impact on sustainability, and the differing public and private stance of tech companies.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

Matt Remle motioned to approve the minutes. **Peter Hasegawa** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the July Meeting Minutes. Unanimous approval.**

STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Rachel Heaton** provided updates on the Board Field Trip including preference between possible dates, activities for involvement, and extended an invitation to Board Member's organizations.
- **Marion Romero** announced the 2025 Community Assemblies Reports with Youth and Indigenous communities have been publicly released on the People's Economy Lab website and asked Board Members share the reports with their networks and communities. Marion shared the Board Appointment process has concluded, and new Board Members will be confirmed in September and onboarded in October. Marion outlined next steps for the Executive Committee including voting on extending **Emily Pinckney** and **Nancy Huizar's** term until 2027 during September's Board meeting. **Marion** previewed the upcoming Budget Season including appropriate engagement and procedure for when Mayor Wilson releases the 2027-2028 Proposed City Budget.
- **Leah Wood** summarized the Councilmember Saka and Councilmember Foster Meet and Greet which focused on the Board's 2027-2028 Budget Recommendations, Climate Action Plan (CAP) Recommendations, 2025 Community Assemblies, and Councilmembers priorities and interests. **Hannah Lindell-Smith** requested volunteers to coordinate follow up meetings with Councilmember Foster, Councilmember Hollingsworth, and Councilmember Saka.
- **Marion Romero** announced OSE staff capacity will be limited for the rest 2026 due to staffing transitions and outlined Board priorities for the next few months.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Matt Remle** stated the Executive Committee will share a draft of the Action Request Process in the coming months. The process will outline next steps for requests for action from the Board deemed not urgent.

- **Nancy Huizar** recapped the Executive Committee's conversation with the Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC), both groups shared about who they are, their scope of work, and shared enthusiasm about continuing to build a partnership.

VOTE: SIGN-ON TO A LETTER SUPPORTING BANK AND PENSION LEGISLATION

Matt Remple re-introduced the bank and pension legislation. The proposed legislation aims to ensure the banks the City uses for its pension system have clear climate goals or do not finance fossil fuel companies. Matt shared the Policies, Projects, and Programs (PPP) Committee conducted research on the proposed legislation in the spring and shared their findings with the Board over the summer. The PPP Committee recommended the Board sign on to support the legislation.

Rosalund Jenkins motioned for the Board to sign-on to the letter. **Jamie Stroble** seconded. **The Board voted to sign-on to the letter. Unanimous Approval.**

UPDATE: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Narita Ghumman, OSE Climate Action Plan Advisor, presented on the Climate Action Plan update including the work conducted so far, emerging themes, introducing the Action Families, next steps, and a Q&A. Narita highlighted the engagement so far which consisted of 4 Climate Community Assemblies, a work group made up of 20 City Departments, reviewed 50+ existing plans, over a thousand public survey responses, and a forum that convened over 130 regional partners. Emerging themes from the varying engagement methods have revolved around: climate adaption alongside mitigation actions, affordability, community partnerships, measuring success, regional collaboration, implementation, and education and storytelling. Narita previewed participation demographics, early results from the public survey, how residents connect climate action to everyday life, and shared praised for the Board's CAP recommendations. Lastly, Narita laid out next steps for the CAP update which will include releasing a draft plan and opening a public comment period before the CAP is finalized in early 2027. **Peter Hasegawa** inquired about conducting impact analysis from emerging threats and how utilities companies are engaging with the CAP process and sharing their concerns. **Narita** highlighted partnerships such as University of Washington's Climate Impacts Group and Seattle Public Utilities that have focused on ensuring meaningful impacts and solutions. **Rosalund Jenkins** shared concerns about the prioritization of specific action families, their long-term impacts, ideas for a more equitable energy sector, and enthusiasm for the direction of the CAP update.

UPDATE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hannah Lindell-Smith shared updates on the Community Engagement Committee's (CEC) ongoing work including an outreach toolkit outlining who the Board is, what they do, and past accomplishments. CEC is also working to increase the Board's community engagement by creating a schedule of community-led events to attend, CEC-led community engagement, and possibly using a survey for non-in-person attendance. **Hannah** shared praises for **Brittani Cain** who has been leading the CEC and their work.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Nancy Huizar moved to adjourn the meeting. **Jamie Stroble** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Unanimous approval.**