

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD



MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Emily Pinckney, Matt Remle, Nancy Huizar, Akiksha Chatterji, Brittani Cain, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Jamie Stroble, John Sanchez, Leah Wood, Peter Hasegawa,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Camille Gipaya, Elizabeth Baskerville, Fatima Kabba, Nina Olivier, Rachel Heaton, Rosalund Jenkins

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

ACTION ITEMS Approval of August Meeting Minutes
Vote: Extension of Executive Committee

MEETING NOTES

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

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Emily Pinckney 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.

Jamie Stroble, an Environmental Justice Organization Representative on the Board, shared recent events she has attended and ongoing work she is a part of. Recently, Jamie attended FEEST's, a youth-led food justice organization, Make Food Make Fam event, where youth cooked a community dinner and shared key takeaways from their most recent report focused on youth-priorities in South Seattle and South King County Schools. Jamie then discussed how she has been organizing with Puget Sound Sage's Environmental Justice Kitchen and community partners in South King County to highlight budget and staffing concerns impacting programming in frontline communities. Jamie has also been working with community to develop community-informed extreme heat education materials. Jamie encouraged Board

members to get involved with her different areas of work and to reach out to learn more or volunteer with the organizations she is a part of. **Hannah Lindell-Smith** volunteered to present at September's Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Peter Hasegawa motioned to approve the minutes. **Matt Remle** seconded. **The Board voted to approve the August 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** welcomed **John Sanchez** back to the Board and shared her excitement for John's contribution to the Board's upcoming work. **John** shared his appreciation for the Board's support. **Marion** reminded Board members of the Board field trip in October, and requested Board members respond to the calendar invite, so staff may coordinate logistics. Marion announced the 2024 Greenhouse Gas (GHGs) Emissions Inventory, which measures and reports citywide climate pollution from the transportation, buildings, and waste sectors has been released. The Board has been invited to join a community briefing in October to learn more about the report and ask questions. Marion previewed upcoming funding opportunities, highlighted the Board stipends attendance policy, and shared ways members can ensure they receive their full stipend amount.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Remle shared the Board's Action Request Form, a new tool created by the Executive Committee for Board members to use when there is an issue, they would like the Board to address. The tool is also a way for the Executive Committee to confirm the action requests are aligned with the Board's work and priorities during capacity-limited time periods. Matt walked Board members through the Action Request Form and outlined next steps once the Executive Committee receives a request. Board members asked clarifying questions and provided feedback on the Action Request Form.

VOTE: EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S TERMS

OSE staff recommended the Board extends the Executive Committee's terms due to upcoming hard deadlines regarding the Mayor's 2027-2028 Proposed Budget, the Climate Action Plan's (CAP) public comment period, onboarding new Board members, and limited staff capacity. **Marion Romero** also announced **Matt Remle** will be staying on the Board until his Board seat is filled, so the extension would apply to all Executive Committee members.

Peter Hasegawa motioned to approve the Executive Committee's term extensions. **Jamie Stroble** seconded. **The Board voted to extend the Executive Committee's terms.** Unanimous approval.

UPDATE: PPP COMMITTEE

Nancy Huizar outlined three different pathways the Board can go through to engage with the Mayor's 2027-2028 Proposed Budget, including meeting with Councilmembers, providing public testimony at Council Budget Committee meetings, and writing a statement of the Board's budget priorities to share with the Board's partners and network. Nancy shared the PPP is reprioritizing the Board's current work and will be meeting more frequently to finalize the strategy pathways. Nancy encouraged Board members to connect with the Executive Committee, PPP Committee, or their Board Buddies during this time to learn more. **Marion Romero** shared publicly available resources regarding the Mayor's Proposed 2027-2028 Budget with the Board.

OVERVIEW OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Marion Romero shared that staff accompanied four Board appointees and two re-appointees to the Land Use and Sustainability (LUS) Committee Meeting on September 16th as part of the Board Appointment process. The LUS Committee appointed all six recommended Board appointees and shared their gratitude towards the Board for their work. The City Council will conduct the final vote at the September 22nd meeting to finalize the Board appointees. Marion shared the biographies of the incoming Board members as well as their priorities, and current work with the GNDOb. **Hannah Lindell-Smith**, a re-appointed Youth representative on the Board, shared her experience attending the LUS Committee meeting and her excitement to work with the new Board members. Board members shared about their onboarding experiences, relationship building events, and strategies to ground New Board members as they join the Board.

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATIONS

Matt Remle thanked Board members terming off, **Camille Gipaya** and **Elizabeth Baskerville**, for their work and commitment to representing their communities during their time on the Board.

UPDATE: AUGUST'S PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

Peter Hasegawa re-capped August's public comment request from **Eliza Pan**, co-founder of Amazon Employees for Climate Justice (AEJC). AEJC requested the Board sign-on to a letter supporting AEJC's members and their work in research about data centers, their impact on sustainability, and the differing public and private stance of tech companies by making AEJC explicit stakeholders in the City's data center research and community engagement efforts. **Matt Remle** and **Marion Romero** outlined next steps in the process for the Board to sign on to a letter.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Peter Hasegawa moved to adjourn the meeting. **Emily Pinckney** seconded. **The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. Unanimous approval.**