

Green New Deal Oversight Board

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Public Meeting

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Staff Updates



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Board Retreat Updates



Board Retreat- In Person March 5th & 6th

- There will be GF, vegetarian/vegan options
- We can offer gender affirming/neutral bathroom options, masks, hand sanitizer
- Board Retreat Agenda will have room for movement, connection and breaks
- Are there any needs or accommodations that staff should be aware of?

Board Field Trip



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Another Field Trip!

- Staff will be in touch about planning another field trip with Rachel



Update on 1099 Forms

- Will receive one soon if you requested and received a stipend in 2025
- If you do not receive one in the next few weeks, please let staff know



Meeting with Council Members



Executive Committee Updates



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Social Housing Board Appointment



Timeline and Process

- If you have a candidate in mind let them know they need to send the Exec Committee their **resume and a letter of interest** ASAP
- The Exec Committee wants to receive material by February 25th and will review materials by March 5th
- Chosen candidates will be invited to join March's Board Meeting to share about their work and intentions for the seat
 - During this meeting, the board will vote and appoint one of those candidates

Opportunity for GNDOB Legislative Endorsement





**We will
return
from our
break at
6:07**

2026 Budget Recommendations



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4 Main Recommendations for 2026

1. Continue to Invest in Budgeted Programs That Are Delivering Climate Justice Outcomes
2. Honor Commitments Made for the Payroll Expense Tax to Fund Climate Justice Investments and to Leverage Alternative Funding Sources
3. Reconsider and Fund High-Impact Recommendations from Previous Years
4. Advance Strategic, Low-Cost Projects

Recommendation 1: Continue to Invest in Budgeted Programs That Are Delivering Climate Justice Outcomes

The GND Oversight Board supports continued investments in existing City programs that are already reducing emissions, building resilience, fostering community leadership, planning for a climate resilient future, and delivering measurable benefits to frontline communities. Specifically, we recommend sustained and expanded funding for the following City climate justice initiatives:

- The Building Emissions Navigator Program
- The Municipal Energy Efficiency Program (MEEP)
- Clean energy apprenticeships
- Greening our city, while creating green jobs
- Returning the Environmental Justice (EJ) Fund back to its 2023-2024 budget
- Providing additional funding for Seattle's Climate Action Plan (CAP) update
- Community assemblies and community-led research

Recommendation 2: Honor Commitments Made for the Payroll Expense Tax to Fund Climate Justice Investments and to Leverage Alternative Funding Sources

Seattle's ability to deliver transformative climate action relies on protecting the City's Payroll Expense Tax (PET) for its intended uses. The PET is the first and only City revenue source that funds community-led solutions that advance equity, reduce pollution, and take steps toward ensuring community resiliency in the face of climate change—all of which advance the City's topline priorities of public safety, public health, local economic development, affordable housing and anti-displacement measures, and good governance. Additionally, PET-funded projects and initiatives have already helped the City scale up our climate investments via the State's Climate Commitment Act (CCA) at a time when federal funding is waning. Continue to invest PET dollars into climate action to leverage more funding.

Recommendation 3: Reconsider and Fund High-Impact Recommendations from Previous Years

The GND Oversight Board has recommendations from past budget cycles that remain unfunded, but remain critical to addressing service gaps, enhancing existing programs, and strengthening neighborhood-level resilience.

- This year, the PPP Committee will look through previous recommendations and consider which ones to uplift given that the context and conditions have shifted (e.g. CAP)

Recommendation 4: Advance Strategic, Low-Cost Projects

The most efficient and effective solutions begin with understanding the full scope the problem. That includes assessing feasibility, risk, and building a foundation for broader change. We recommend the City study the following to expand climate innovation:

- The risk and impact of extreme weather on mechanical infrastructure in buildings
- Opportunities to recover waste energy from Seattle's existing infrastructure

For more details please check out the
[GND Oversight Board 2026 Budget Recommendations](#)

PPP Committee Updates



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Shared Criteria

The PPP Committee has used criteria to evaluate and put forward recommendations in the past.

This year's draft criteria:

- Building Decarbonization & Energy Efficiency
- Clean & Equitable Transportation
- Climate Resilience & Public Health
- Workforce Development & Economic Inclusion
 - Including arts and cultural work
 - Pollution Reduction & Circular Economy

Opportunities to be a Part of the Process

- Add to [Research & Brainstorm Worksheet](#)
 - Add your comments and input
- During the Board Retreat 3/5-3/6 there will be time to come together and work on these recommendations
- Talk to PPP Committee Members when they reach out to you
- Attend the optional PPP Committee office hours hosted by staff:
 - Wednesday February 18th, 12:00pm to 1:00pm
 - Wednesday March 11th, 5:30pm to 6:30pm
 - Thursday March 12th, 12:00pm to 1:00pm
 - Wednesday April 8th, 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- **Goals:**
 - Share CAP Recommendations with City Staff in March
 - April 20th Meeting: Adopt Budget Recommendations