

Green New Deal Oversight Board

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Public Meeting

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Staff Updates



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Board Field Trip



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Board Field Trip

- On Sunday 10/25
 - Please respond to calendar invite
 - Staff will be coordinating carpools
- Activities:
 - Riverbed Cleaning
 - Doing cutbacks
 - Invasive Species Removal
 - Trail establishment
 - Defining the trail to the river
 - Moving rocks from the river to trail



2024 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory



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Now Available: 2024 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory

- Seattle measures and reports citywide climate pollution every two years, focusing on the transportation, buildings, and waste sectors.
- The 2024 inventory found:
 - 6% decrease in emissions from 2022 to 2024
 - Buildings sector emissions notably decreased
 - Transportation emissions remained relatively flat
- Board has been invited to a community briefing on the report on October 19th

Funding Opportunities



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Funding Opportunities

- Board Digest- Stay Tuned
 - Arts in Parks 2027- Application due October 27th at 5pm
 - Clean Energy and Construction Training Program RFP- November 23rd
 - Capital Project Capacity-Building Grant Program – Applications due October 30th at 3pm
 - Optional Pre-application conferences will be occurring on September 23rd.

Board Stipends



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Board Stipends

- **Attendance Policy:** one meeting grace period during each six month pay period
 - Missing more than 1 meeting will **result in a deduction of \$400 per missed meeting**
- Policy is found in the MOA you signed
- If you have communicated in advance that you can't attend and showed up in other spaces we will not deduct funding
 - Examples of attending other spaces include but are not limited to:
 - Attending CM meet and greets
 - Engagement events
 - Doing committee meeting work

Executive Committee Updates



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Action Request Process



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Action Request Process

- Executive Committee has been developing a process to address topics that may align with the Board's work including:
 - Lunch and Learns
 - Public comment requests
 - Writing a letter of support

The Process

1. Email Exec Committee and Staff with request
2. Exec Committee or Staff will follow up with Google form
3. Staff and Exec Committee will coordinate when to discuss the request
4. Exec Committee will create a plan and coordinate next steps



VOTE: Extending Executive Committee's Terms



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Staff Recommendation: Extending Executive Committee's terms

- Due to upcoming hard deadlines regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget, providing input on CAP recommendations, onboarding incoming Board members, and limited staff capacity, **Staff recommend the Executive Committee's term be extended until the New Year.**
- An Appointee has stepped away from the appointment process, so Matt will be staying on the Board and Executive Committee until his seat is filled.





**We will
return
from our
break at
5:50**

Policy, Programs, Projects (PPP) Committee



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Committee Updates

- Executive and PPP committee discussed strategies for engaging the Mayor's Proposed Budget and identified three paths:
 - 1. Meetings with Councilmembers**
 - 2. Providing public testimony at Council Budget Committee meetings**
 - 3. Written statement on Board budget priorities to share with partners**
- PPP will be transitioning to weekly meetings to build out the different pathways and will check-in with Board Buddies for support.
- Data Center Update: Taking a pause to focus on hard deadlines.

Green New Deal Oversight Board Appointments



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Board Appointment Process

- Staff accompanied four new Board appointees and two re-appointees to introduce them to the Land Use & Sustainability Committee at their 9/16 meeting.
 - The committee appointed all six members
 - City Council will conduct the final vote at their September 22nd meeting.
- The Committee shared their immense gratitude towards the Board and the work you all do.

George Farrell

Board Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

George is a strategic program operations and community engagement professional committed to advancing racial, environmental, and health equity through community-centered systems change. His work has focused on building partnerships across Tribal Nations, healthcare, social services, government, and community organizations, with particular attention to Indigenous sovereignty, environmental justice, and the voices of communities most impacted by systemic inequities.

As a Tribal member of the Standing Rock, he brings an established connection to Seattle's climate justice movement and a strong understanding of the importance of community leadership in shaping equitable policy and programs. His professional experience includes managing complex initiatives and grant portfolios, developing strategic frameworks, facilitating cross-sector collaboration, and integrating Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and Tribal Treaty Rights into planning and policy recommendations. George is grounded in collaborative approaches to Board service and is committed to helping advance a Green New Deal that is equitable, accountable, and rooted in community wisdom.



Hannah Ljunggren

Mayor Appointment: Tribal Representative

Hannah received her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Pacific Lutheran University. Since then, she has worked in a variety of environmental fields, including waste reduction, water quality, and climate resilience. Throughout her career, elevating the voices of frontline communities, improving access to resources, and increasing community awareness of environmental stressors and how to combat them have been a top priority. She is excited to further expand on this work as part of the City of Seattle's Green New Deal board.

Hannah is the Suquamish Tribe's Climate Resilience Team's Program Manager. She received permission from the Tribal leadership to represent them on this Board. The Suquamish Tribe is a Recipient of the City's First People's Climate Fund and funds will be used to implement the Suquamish Tribe's Climate Action Plan.



Jasmine Hadassa

Mayor Appointment: Youth Representative

Jasmine Hadassa is a youth leader and climate advocate passionate about making sure young people and historically underrepresented communities have a voice in decisions that shape their future. She serves as a Youth Intern with Outreach & Transform Lives, a Seattle EJ Fund grantee, where she supports community projects, youth engagement, and storytelling. She is also a Youth Member of King County's Climate Equity Community Task Force, where she works alongside other young leaders on climate equity and environmental justice.

Jasmine also served as a Youth Leader with the Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders, participating in environmental justice projects and advocating with state legislators for communities most affected by climate change. Jasmine has a strong interest in astronomy and science and is attending Bellevue College, where she plans to study astrophysics.



Nirae Petty

Mayor Appointment: Frontline Community Representative

Nirae “Ni” Petty (she/her/they) is a Seattle native, policy analyst, and organizing leader whose work centers environmental justice, community-informed policy, and equity. A Black queer young woman raised in a low-income household in Seattle’s Central District and Rainier Beach, Ni’s lived experience is deeply connected to the environmental health disparities affecting communities near the Duwamish River and continues to shape their approach to policy and community engagement.

Nirae has organized across government, nonprofit, and community sectors to support implementation of Washington’s HEAL Act and other equity-centered initiatives. They previously served as a Youth Representative on Washington’s Environmental Justice Council, where Ni founded Black Earth Day in Seattle, a community-centered environmental justice event recognized through a King County Proclamation. Nirae is certified in Targeted Universalism through UC Berkeley and SEED Collab and is completing an Executive MPA at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School, with a track in Policy and Data Analytics.



Help Onboard New Board Members

- What would you do differently for your onboarding process?
- Do you have any recommendations to make the process smoother?
- Are there any activities or opportunities you would like to host or invite Board members to, to build relationships?



Board Appreciations!



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