

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 2/24/25
	Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
	Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Camille Gipaya, Emily Myers, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Keith Weir, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney, Andrea Ornelas, Nina Olivier, Matt Remle, Lizzy Baskerville, Peter Hasegawa, Eunice How, Stephanie Ung, Nancy Huizar, Andrea Ornelas
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Rachel Heaton, Jess Wallach,
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sunny Ysa (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE), Faduma Fido (PEL), Laura Nash (PEL), Robin Briggs, Evelyn

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">VOTE: Approval of January Meeting Minutes
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MEETING NOTES

Peter Hasegawa, Emily Pickney, and Nina Olivier (GNDOB Executive Committee members) and **Elise Rasmussen** (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by **Rebecca Zaragoza** (OSE).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nina Olivier started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Briggs referenced the Mayor's recent remarks on the Climate Action Plan and joined to learn more about that process.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Steve Gelb moved to approve the minutes. **Nancy Huizar** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the January meeting Minutes. **Unanimous approval.**

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided the following staff updates:

Upcoming Meetings:

- **March** – Resuming regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each Month
- **Feb. 25th** – Lunch & Learn: Office of Emergency Management
- **March 25th** – Lunch & Learn: Shape Our Water Plan and the intersection between the plan, climate justice, and community resiliency.
- **Tentative – April 18th** – GNDOB and the Outdoors (Oversight Board field trip with Rachel)
- **Communications Updates:**
 - New Monthly Newsletter! Please [sign up here](#) and share with your networks!

- The Oversight Board's Website and the GND Website have been updated. Staff will continue update the website as needed.
- **Call for Support: Recruiting for NEW Oversight Board Members!**
 - 12 open seats
 - 3 seats for Re-Appointment
 - The application process will likely open in Early March.
 - Calls for support:
 - Share with your networks! And share opportunities for them to engage and access the Board's resources.
 - Share the application once it's live.
 - Let staff know how you want to be involved in the application/interview process.
 - Thank you to Nancy, Matt, and Stephanie who have volunteered. 2 additional members are welcome to volunteer.
- **Staffing Updates:**
 - **Elise Rasmussen** will transition to interim Climate Justice Advisor on 2/26. Elise will continue supporting the Board.
 - **Rebecca Zaragoza** will continue to be on staff part-time.
 - **Jazzmin Fragiaco** will backfill for Elise Rasmussen's position starting on 3/26 and will support with Board coordination.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Pickney, Peter Hasegawa, and Nina Olivier provided the following Executive Committee updates:

- Let staff or the Executive Committee know what personal information to share on the website.
- Climate Action Plan Update:
 - The Mayor is proposing an executive order to update the City's Climate Action Plan.
 - Members can share ideas for this update to Peter and Emily to discuss in the PPP Committee.
- BEPS Rulemaking Update:
 - The working group has developed a draft rule which will open for public comment in the Spring.
 - Upcoming schedule:
 - Rulemaking public webinars (dates TBD)
 - Publish final rule draft for official public comment
 - Publish adopted Director's Rule
- Certain data has been taken offline. Please continue saving and sharing important resources. See below for restored resources:
 - <https://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/buildings-and-energy/building-emissions-performance-standard/beps-rulemaking>
 - <https://climateprogramportal.org/library/>
- Report back from Mayor Harrell's State of the City Address:
 - Mayor expressed dissatisfaction with the current administration. He expressed that the City will protect DEI and its sanctuary status for immigrants.
 - Announced the kick-off of the memorial stadium.

- Seattle is preparing for the FIFA World Cup 2026:
 - Staff and the Board are looking into opportunities for engaging in the planning process for world cup events.
- The Mayor will be exploring the streamlining of the Ballard and West Seattle Light Rail extensions; and discussed homelessness and the new Fort Lawton housing development.
- [Link to the State of the City.](#)

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES REPORT

Presentation by **Faduma Fido** and **Laura Nash**, People's Economy Lab

Faduma Fido and Laura Nash provided a status update on the Community Assemblies process and reporting as part of the Board's community engagement efforts.

- PEL has drafted two preliminary reports from the Community Assemblies led by MLK Labor and ULMS. The final reports will be more in depth.
- The reports also include high level recommendations from each Assembly.
- The reports outline the partnerships and engagement, planning and execution of the Assemblies, outcomes of the Assemblies, opportunities for improvement, and recommendations for the City of Seattle.
- PEL will finalize the reports and present the findings to the Board.
- PEL will publish a blog post about the reports once they are released. The reports will be housed in PEL, MLK Labor, ULMS, and GNDOB websites.
- PEL will share the links to the reports when they are ready. They expect the reports to be released in about a week.
- The Community Anchors, OSE staff, PEL and GNDOB members collaborated on the data analysis process.
- The reports will open with a letter from the GNDOB to connect the Assemblies effort with the work of the GNDOB.

Update from **Peter Hasegawa** and MLK Labor Assembly:

- Labor leaders are becoming more aware of the threats that climate hazards present for workers.
- Worker protections need to be expanded.

Update from **Camille Gipaya** and ULMS Assembly:

- Sharing the reports with the participants is a great opportunity for us to follow up with them and showcase how their participation and stories are being represented and informing next steps.
- Looking into the various platforms that can be used to amplify the report and the findings.

Discussion

- The Board can take two weeks to review and provide feedback or input by Friday, March 7th.

BOARD DISCUSSION: GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD WORKPLAN

Elise Rasmussen presented the plan for developing the Board's work plan for the next three years.

Timeline:

- 2/24 - Present Draft Workplan to the Board.
- 2/24-3/14 - Provide written feedback to Staff and Executive Committee via Email.
- Afternoon of 3/12 or 3/13 - Attend optional drop-in hour to provide feedback.
- 3/17 - Review updated workplan and provide feedback + Possible vote.
- 3/17-4/7 - Additional round of feedback if needed.
- 4/7 - Feedback deadline.
- 4/21 - Prepare to vote on final workplan.
- The Board will be able to inform the work plan within the next month. Feedback can be shared in written form and/or by adding direct comments in the document.
 - Elise will provide meeting opportunities for providing live feedback.
 - The workplan will likely be voted on and approved on 4/21.

Discussion

- As a reminder, the Board is required to do a yearly work plan based on the Charter.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Peter Hasegawa moved to adjourn the meeting and **Keith Weir** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. **Unanimous approval.**