

Green New Deal Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 2/26/2024 Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Gelb, Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Nina Olivier, Keith Weir, Andrea Ornelas, Peter Hasegawa, Rachel Heaton, Eunice How, Emily Meyers
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman and Jess Wallach
CITY STAFF & GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Lizzy Baskerville, Nancy Huizar

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• APPROVAL of the November 2023 and January 2024 meeting minutes.• APPROVAL to extend the terms of the Executive Committee.
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Begin to schedule Council meet & greets with Board members	Elise	March/April
2	Send calendar hold for Community Assemblies Training	Elise	ASAP
3	Develop draft budget recommendations to share with full Board	Policies, Projects, Programs Committee	Mid-March
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MEETING NOTES

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

Notes taken by Sara Cubillos (Climate Justice Advisor).

WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

Nina Olivier started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, facilitated introductions, and provided a land and legacy acknowledgement.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Steve Gelb moved to approve the November 2023 and January 2024 minutes. **Keith Weir** seconded the motion. **Unanimous approval** for the minutes.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided staff updates on the Board appointments process.

- Appointees will be introduced to the Sustainability, City Lights, and Arts and Culture Committee who will then vote to send the appointees to the full Council for their official confirmations.
- The Board will be welcoming 7 new Board members, and Matt Remle and Rachel Heaton are slated to be re-appointed.

NEW GNOB APPOINTMENTS			
Name	Seat	Appointing Authority	Summary of Experience / Expertise
Nancy Huizar	Frontline	Mayor	Integral member to the creation of the GND legislation, Beacon Hill Resident, and active community leader
Lizzie Baskerville	Frontline	Mayor	Co-founded Restaurant to Garden and is connected to the CID community
Stephanie Ung	Frontline	GNOB	Co-ED of Khmer Community of Seattle King County, environmental background, active community leader
Susan Balbas	EJ Org	Mayor	Founder and ED of Na'ah Illahee Fund, Board member of Front and Centered
Camille Gipaya	Youth	Mayor	Climate and environmental justice organizer at the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle (ULMS), active in various youth-led groups.
Hannah Lindell – Smith	Youth	Council	Organizer at 350 Seattle Senior at Summit Atlas High School
Emily Pinckney	Emissions Reduction	Council	Clean Energy Fellow with Sphere Solar Energy, Electrification Project Manager at Climate Solutions

Image 1. List of 7 new Oversight Board Member Appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public provided comment.

DISCUSSION: GND OVERSIGHT BOARD BUDGET RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Debolina Banerjee provided context on the current state of the City and how that might inform the Board's Budget recommendations. Debolina shared information on the City's budget deficit and a current hiring freeze. She also shared that there will not be a separate Board budget committee. Instead, the budget recommendation process will be held by the Projects, Policy, and Programs (PPP) Committee who will then solicit feedback from the full Board at various points throughout the recommendation development process. **Elise Rasmussen** then shared a draft timeline of the Board's budget recommendation development process and shared that the Board will discuss the budget forecast in April.

Board Comments:

- **Steve Gelb:** Shared that he would like to explore other funding mechanisms and the full City Budget beyond the JumpStart Tax as they make their recommendations. It might be helpful to split up recommendations for the full City Budget and the JumpStart Tax.
- **Debolina Banerjee:** Shared that it is still important to protect existing projects and the JumpStart funds.

WORKPLAN PROGRESS TO DATE

Elise Rasmussen provided an update on the Board's workplan and highlighted the progress that the Board has made to date.

Priorities	July '23	Aug '23	Sept '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	April '24	May '24	June '24	July '24	Aug '24	Sept '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24
City Budget Timeline (2024 Budget Process) (25-26 Biennium Budget Process)	Depts. proposals Budget forecast		Mayor's Proposed Budget		Budget forecast Council's Budget	Mayor signs Budget							Depts. proposals Budget forecast	Mayor's proposed Budget		Budget forecast Council Budget	Mayor signs Budget	
City Processes	Board Appointments and Re-Appointments										Onboarding new GNDOB Members							
	Council Primaries		Council candidate education				New Council seated											
Community/Worker Engagement & Communications (led by the Community Engagement Comm.)	(1) Planning for engagement		Community assemblies															
Board Function & Capacity (led by the Executive Comm. & other Board volunteers)			Information gathering on existing GNDOB work with the City and among Board Members		Develop Board protocol using existing GNDOB governance, vision, mission & values	Finalize Board protocols; Board capacity assessment												
2025-2026 Budget Recommendations & Policy Priorities (led by the PPP Comm.)			Information gathering on existing GNDOB work with the City and among Board Members		Stand up the PPP Committee	PPP Committee drafts recommendations for policy priorities												
Indigenous Sustainability Projects	Decision needed from the Board following Tribal Consultation *Timeline subject to change*																	

Image 2. Visual of the Board's Workplan showing the Board's progress thus far.

Board Comments:

- **Andrea Ornelas and Debolina Banerjee** really liked to see the Board's progress visually.
- **Debolina Banerjee** described how past Board retreats have informed the workplan.

UPDATE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting with Council & Executive Orientation

- The Executive Committee has been meeting with OSE about roles and responsibilities, including specific roles in the budget process.
- Peter Hasegawa created a spreadsheet on who will be joining specific meet & greets with City Councilmembers.

Executive Committee Terms

- Looking into extending existing committee terms to September for the following reasons:
 - To have consistent leadership throughout the onboarding process of 7 new Board members, the Board budget recommendation development process, and other important strategic work that is underway.
 - Postponing elections for Board leadership would provide more time for new Board members to assess if they would like to serve on the Executive Committee.
 - The Board has granted the Executive Committee a term extension in the past, so there is precedent.

Debolina Banerjee offered to have anyone join executive committee meetings to observe and see if they would like to join the executive committee in the future.

Keith Weir motions to vote to extend the terms of the executive committee. **Matt Remle seconds** the motion. **The Board unanimously approves** the extension of Executive Committee terms to September.

UPDATE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Elise Rasmussen provided an update on community engagement, including the Community Assemblies process that will take place throughout the rest of the year.

Community Assemblies – This is the engagement strategy for the Board to connect with communities and workers impacted first and worst by the climate crisis. OSE and partner organizations will pilot this model to see if it is one that the Board would want to adopt. The Community Assembly team is:

- People’s Economy Lab (Technical Support)
- Urban League (Anchor Organization)
- MLK Labor (Anchor Organization)

People’s Economy Lab will be hosting a training on March 29th for Board members. There will be 25 slots available first for Board members, and then it will be opened to other city Board and Commissions.

Assemblies will take place through September. During the fall, the team will evaluate the findings and recommendations that result from the assembly process which the Board will be able to review.

The desired outcomes for this process include community education on the GND, shaping the GND with community and worker priorities, and informing the climate element of Seattle’s comprehensive plan.

UPDATE: POLICY, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Peter and Elise provided an update on a draft timeline for the PPP committee budget process and made it clear that there will be several opportunities for the full Board to provide their feedback and comments throughout this process.

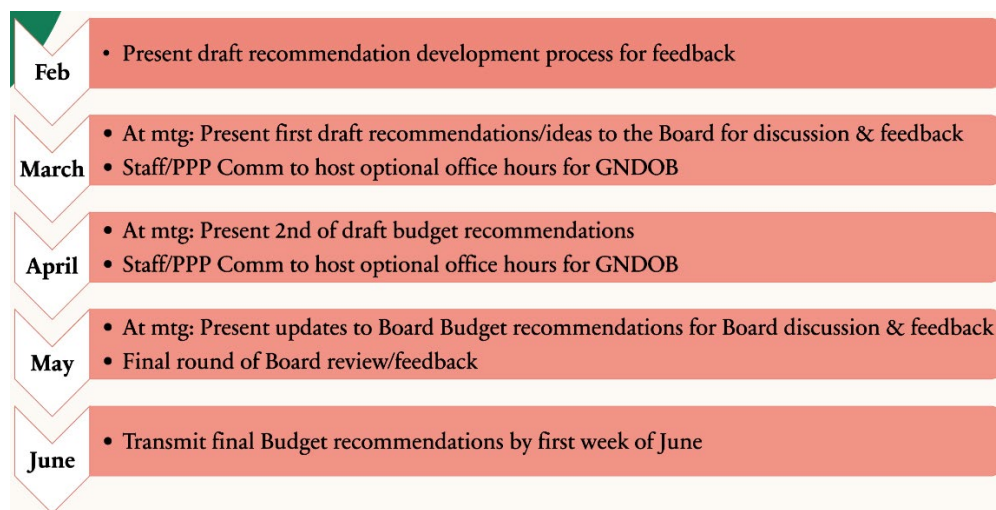


Image 3. DRAFT Budget Timeline for the PPP Committee.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Matt Remle moved to adjourn, and **Keith Weir** seconded the motion. **The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.**