

# Green New Deal Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date:	5/20/2024
	Time:	5:00pm – 7:00pm
	Location:	Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Gelb, Nina Olivier, Andrea Ornelas, Peter Hasegawa, Emily Myer, Debolina Banerjee, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Camille Gipaya, Susan Balbas, Nancy Huizar, Stephanie Ung, Matt Remle, Emily Pinckney, Rachel Heaton	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Jess Wallach, Eunice How, Lizzy Baskerville, and Keith Weir	
CITY STAFF & GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Lylianna Allala (OSE)	

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>APPROVAL of the April meeting minutes.</li></ul>
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Draft and send a letter focused on GND OB recommendations for the 2021 Seattle Energy Code Updates	Nina & Elise	ASAP
2	Revise and finalize GND OB's 2025-2026 Budget Recommendations	Policies, Projects, and Programs Committee & Staff	June 4

## MEETING NOTES

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

Notes taken by Sara Cubillos (Climate Justice Advisor).

## WELCOME 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 April 2024 minutes. **Peter Hasegawa** seconded the motion. **The Board unanimously approved** the minutes.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

## STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided staff updates.

- Racial Equity Training Opportunity with Department of Neighborhoods for City Boards and Commissions.
- Notify Elise about 2024 Board stipend and paperwork process.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Special Session from 4pm to 5:30pm to vote on budget recommendations.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Letter of Support for Seattle City Light federal funding application.** There is not enough time to get a letter of support to City Light for their application. There has also been some concern about the benefits of supporting the efforts. Regardless of the letter of support, City Light has expressed an interest in continuing to build a relationship with the Oversight Board.
- **Recommendation/Comment Letter to Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Levy Proposal.** The Board's comment letter was submitted to the appropriate channels and Elise has let programmatic staff and Department directors know that the Board is following both efforts closely.
- **2021 Seattle Energy Code (SEC) Update.** The Board is closely tracking the proposed 2021 Energy Code Updates. It is important for the Energy code to promote better energy efficiency initiatives.
  - **Timeline for the SEC update process (subject to change):**
    - CCAB meeting 5/16 – introduction to the draft 2021 SEC amendments. Open to the public and taking public comment.
    - CCAB meeting 6/6 - Discussion on the amendments. Open to the public and taking public comment.
    - CCAB meeting on 6/20: Vote on 2021 SEC.  
Seattle City Council:
      - July: Committee meeting(s)
      - August: Full Council vote
      - As early as September 30th: 2021 SEC goes into effect.
  - 2021 SEC Update Discussion:
    - **Steve Gelb** said it would be good to push for the code and is willing to support on drafting letter.
    - **Nina Olivier** will draft a letter.

## POLICIES, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Members can fill out the survey for feedback on the recommendations. Members can also submit feedback directly or sign up for a 1:1 meeting with a PPP committee member.

The recommendations also include draft themes. These themes were informed by what was heard from community organizations, coalitions, and work that is happening at the local, state, and federal level. Recommendations will be attached to themes/strategies and interventions or specific actions that are being asked for.

- Workforce Development

- Economic Development
- Climate Resilience
- Environmental Justice
- Leveraging Federal & State Dollars for Clean/Green Infrastructure
- Residential Building Decarbonization.

The Board will vote on budget recommendations on June 4<sup>th</sup> and will submit recommendations by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **DISCUSSION: BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board discussed the draft budget recommendations and their respective interventions. The following list includes the Board's high-level recommendation priorities:

- BEPs for Seattle Housing Authority
- Tree Canopy and Green Jobs
- Heat Waves and Heat Pumps
- Healthy Sustainable Homes Program
- Electrify Seattle
- WMBE Support Program
- Continued Funding for Existing GND Initiatives
- Restrict Use of Payroll Expense Tax Dollars for its Currently Legislated Allocation
- Upgrade Libraries and Community Centers to be Climate Resilience Hubs
- Climate Resilience Through Cultural Preservation and Land Restoration
- Revolving Loan to Leverage IRA Direct Pay Tax Credits for Energy for Affordable Housing
- Citywide Rooftop Solar for All
- Additional recommendations are still under development.

### **Discussion:**

Board members discussed their support for these priorities and added additional input on priorities to consider in the future. Many of these comments focused on the following issues:

- Workforce development opportunities for youth
- Opportunities for women empowerment
- Land and the built environment
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Additional programming opportunities
- Addressing health impacts from climate change

## **NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN**

**Peter Hasegawa moved** to adjourn the meeting. **Nancy Huizar seconded** the motion. The **Board voted unanimously** to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.