

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 09/16/24 Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Camille Gipaya, Nancy Huizar, Emily Myers, Stephanie Ung, Susan Balbas, Peter Hasegawa, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Jess Wallach, Keith Weir, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney, Andrea Ornelas, Nina Olivier, and Rachel Heaton
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Lizzy Baskerville, Ken Workman, Eunice How
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE)

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VOTE: Approval of the August Board Meeting Minutes• VOTE: Incoming Executive Committee
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MEETING NOTES

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

Meeting notes were taken by Sara Cubillos (OSE Green New Deal Advisor)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Debolina Banerjee started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

Steve Gelb moved to approve the minutes. **Emily Pinckney** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the August Meeting Minutes.

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided the following staff updates:

- GNDOB Retreat Recap
- Upcoming Events
 - 9/19 GNDOB Lunch & Learn focused on insurance companies' role in the climate crisis
 - 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 MLK Labor hosting community assemblies
 - 10/10,10/11 Urban League hosting community assemblies
 - 10/28 rescheduled October Board Meeting
 - September through October Councilmember Meet & Greet
 - 11/4 Resilience Hubs Lunch & Learn

- Upcoming lunch & learns on disaster preparedness and Direct Pay from IRA
- Reconvening the Board Committees
- Seattle City Light Survey is available for GNDob members to complete if desired. It is focused on the Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan.
- EJ Fund is accepting applications on a rolling basis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anyone wanting to respond to the public comment from August Meeting about the Blue Angels
 - **Camille Gipaya** reinforced that the Urban League and South Seattle communities want to find ways to reimagine Seafair activities in a way that is more aligned with frontline communities.
 - **Debolina Banerjee** shared that Maria Batayola has been working for a long time in Beacon Hill about aircraft noise. Connecting with Beacon Hill can shed light on aviation pollution.
 - **Emily Pinckney** said there are also connections to promoting militarism and has impacts on veterans.
 - **Steve Gelb** feels like this might not be the right issue to elevate for the Board.
 - **Andrea Ornelas** stated a concern about capacity.
 - **Jess Wallach** suggested looking into the intervention points to see where this issue best fits.
 - **Stephanie Ung** shared that this is a good example to help the Oversight Board reflect on how it makes decisions, especially for new members.
 - **NEXT STEPS:** A smaller group interested on this issue will put a proposal together and then come back to the Oversight Board with it since there isn't a full Board consensus.
- The current Executive Committee's last meeting:
 - Special shout out to **Debolina Banerjee** for her two years of service on the Executive Committee and the care and intention she brought to the work.

VOTE: ELECTION FOR THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- The following nominees provided brief pitches on their interest for participating as Executive Committee members:
 - Stephanie Ung, Nancy Huizar, Andrea Ornelas, Emily Pinckney, Nina Olivier, and Peter Hasegawa
 - **DECISION** -- Final Votes for the new Executive Committee:
 - Co-Chairs: Peter Hasegawa and Nina Olivier
 - At-Large Member: Emily Pinckney

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: MUNICIPAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM UPDATES

Presentation by Wes Hoppler (OSE's Citywide Resource Conservation Advisor)

- FEMA Grant for \$5.5 Million for upgrades at the following Seattle Public Library Branches:
 - University
 - Columbia City
 - West Seattle
 - Queen Anne
 - Fremont

- \$2M recommended funding from the state for the University Branch Library
- \$610K from GND funding to MEEP
 - \$400K sent to Parks
 - Northgate Community Center Heat Pump Water Heater
 - Montlake Community Center Heat Pump Water Heater
 - Rainier Beach
 - High Point
 - Van Asselt
 - \$210K used for grant match
 - 2 LED lighting projects at the Armory
 - LED Lighting at Woodland Park Zoo
 - LED and HVAC at Magnuson Community Center/Gym
- Municipal Building Decarbonization updates to be released in Q4 in 2024
- Staff will send the list of where the building decarbonizations are happening
- **Discussion**
 - **Steve Gelb:** I thought the \$600K is for turning Community Centers into Resilience Hubs, is that correct?
 - **Wes:** The language was more focused on Parks' climate conscience buildings and will focus first on gathering spaces. Buildings will have cooling or mixing fans to improve cooling and then will act as a cooling center.
 - **Peter Hasegawa:** Do you know if this work is done under the City's project labor agreement? Can you elaborate on engineering portion?
 - **Wes:** For the FEMA granted projects will need to be under the labor agreement. It is less clear about how union labor comes through in blanket contracts. Engineers – the industry has specified instructions on gas capacity and the city has to be clear about not replacing capacity but building more energy efficiency or electric. For example, water heater studies help show the actual demand to understand size when the standard size is already oversized. We are identifying needs through studies and then appropriately designing solutions.
 - **Jess Wallach:** 120 more municipal buildings need to be switched off of fossil fuels. What is the plan to meet the 2030 target?
 - **Wes:** We had an Executive Order from the previous administration to decarbonize municipal buildings by 2035, which is difficult and expensive. Given the City's current budget shortage, we will be looking to figure out the right timeline for full decarbonization.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Keith Weir moved to adjourn the meeting and **Andrea Ornelas** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm.