

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

February 3, 2025 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

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1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

[January 6, 2025](#)

[January 13, 2025](#)

2. President's Report

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

3. State Legislative Session Update (2025)

2:05 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Presenters: Mina Hashemi, Director, Samir Junejo, and Anna Johnson, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

City Council Agenda (2025)

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Council Briefing Minutes (2025)



Council Chamber, City Hall
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Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, January 6, 2025, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:02 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Nelson

Present: 8 - Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Cathy Moore, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Dan Strauss

Excused: 1 - Tammy Morales

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2371 Council Briefing Minutes (2024)

The December 16, 2024, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. **Inf 2606** District 2 Council Position Vacancy Process

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

Inf 2610 City Council Agenda (2025)

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

6. Executive Session on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*

At 3:40 p.m., Council President Nelson announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation with an estimated end time of 4:40 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 3:59 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 3:59 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, January 13, 2025, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:03 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Nelson

Present: 8 - Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Cathy Moore, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Dan Strauss

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2609 Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

The Information Item (Inf) was not heard in Committee.

2. President's Report

3. **Inf 2612** State Legislative Session Update (2025)

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

4. **Inf 2613** City Programs and Policies in a Changing Federal Context

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

5. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

6. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

Inf 2610 City Council Agenda (2025)

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 3:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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State Legislative Session Update (2025)



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City Council Agenda (2025)



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

2:00 PM

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600 4th Avenue
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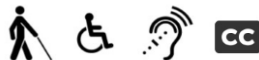
Sara Nelson, Council President
Joy Hollingsworth, Member
Robert Kettle, Member
Cathy Moore, Member
Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member
Maritza Rivera, Member
Rob Saka, Member
Mark Solomon, Member
Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov

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Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Details on how to provide Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period and Public Hearing at

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for 2 minutes or less on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

[CB 120937](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to taxes; creating a new sales and use tax deferral for the conversion of underutilized commercial property to housing; and adding a new Chapter 5.75 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Speakers will be provided two minutes or less to address the Council and must register online or in-person in order to be recognized by the Chair.

H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:

Bills:

Appointments:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

[Appt 03066](#)

Appointment of David Benchlouch as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson

Opposed: None

[Appt 03067](#)

Appointment of Arlecier L.N. West as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson

Opposed: None

[Appt 03068](#)

Reappointment of Joseph Seia as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson

Opposed: None

[Appt 03069](#)

Reappointment of Joel C. Merkel as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 120927](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to floodplains; eighth extension of interim regulations established by Ordinance 126113, and as amended by Ordinance 126536, for an additional six months, to allow individuals to rely on updated National Flood Insurance Rate Maps to obtain flood insurance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Program.

J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

K. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

1. [Res 32161](#) A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2025; superseding Resolution 32123.
2. [Res 32162](#) A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2025; and superseding Resolution 32124.
3. [Res 32163](#) A RESOLUTION relating to participation, for 2025, on King County Committees, Regional Committees, State Committees, and City of Seattle Committees; and superseding Resolution 32157.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT