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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2022 and 2023; and superseding Resolution 31947.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. Effective January 4, 2022, and until further notice, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 31947.

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>Economic Development, Technology &amp; City Light</b>	Chair	Nelson	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Juarez	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Strauss	
	Member	Sawant	
<b>Finance &amp; Housing</b>	Chair	Mosqueda	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Herbold	
	Member	Pedersen	
	Member	Nelson	
	Member	Lewis	
<b>Governance, Native Communities &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	Chair	Juarez	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Pedersen	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Sawant	
	Member	Strauss	

<b>Public Assets &amp; Homelessness</b>	Chair	Lewis	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Mosqueda	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Juarez	
<b>Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights &amp; Culture</b>	Chair	Morales	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays 9:30 am.
	Vice-Chair	Sawant	
	Member	Strauss	
	Member	Nelson	
	Member	Lewis	
<b>Land Use</b>	Chair	Strauss	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Morales	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Pedersen	
	Member	Nelson	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Human Services</b>	Chair	Herbold	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Lewis	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Pedersen	
	Member	Nelson	
<b>Sustainability &amp; Renters' Rights</b>	Chair	Sawant	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Nelson	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Lewis	
<b>Transportation &amp; Seattle Public Utilities</b>	Chair	Pedersen	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	Sawant	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Morales	

<sup>1</sup> Rule VI.C.3 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires a scheduled meeting will be moved to the following Friday if: a. The regular schedule falls on a legal holiday; or b. A legal holiday moves a City Council meeting to a day on which the meeting was scheduled. <sup>2</sup> Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council states that standing committee meetings are suspended (canceled) from the time the Council's Select Committee receives the Mayor's proposed budget (typically the end of September) to the time the Council meets (typically the third week of November). Special standing committee meetings may be called if action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for action). Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.

Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as described in this section. Attachment 1 to this resolution lists the oversight responsibilities, organized by department, for each committee.

Economic Development, Technology & City Light: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- economic development policies and programs; including the Office of Economic Development, small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, workforce development, and improving access and opportunities to education and training for low- and middle-income workers, youth and communities of color;
- City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access; and
- Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative energy sources.

Finance & Housing: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the operating and

capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and claims against the City (the Finance and Housing Committee is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);

- oversight of the City’s public works construction projects except as otherwise specified;
- the City Employees’ Retirement System;
- the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer Service Bureau, and other administrative functions;
- housing policies and programs, including the Office of Housing, investing and promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers, families, and retirees;

Governance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments: To provide policy direction and oversight and

to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, code improvement, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council;
- Native American issues, including housing affordability, health and mental health services, services for youth, access to justice, art and culture, and historic preservation; and
- facilitating government to government relations with Tribes and coordinating public planning with Tribal governments on issues such as economic development, environmental stewardship, and sustaining and protecting indigenous culture, language and history;
- coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to increasing communication between tribes and urban indigenous populations, including hearing recommendations from the Indigenous Advisory Council;
- the City Auditor;
- the Office of Hearing Examiner;

- ethics and elections, including the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission;
- the Office of Labor Standards;
- monitoring implementation of the priority hire program and promoting worker protections;
- City personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of employment; and
- the Office of the Employee Ombud.

Public Assets & Homelessness: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, including appointments to the implementation Board members, and review of proposed policies, plans and annual budgets for the regional authority; and
- public assets, including the Seattle Center, parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Seattle Parks and Recreation, Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium), the Office of the Waterfront; and the Seattle Public Library system.

Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights & Culture: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation;
- education and early learning initiatives, including the Department of Education and Early Learning, the City’s Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps;
- arts and cultural activities, nightlife issues, and special events;

- film and music activities;
- civil rights issues, including the Office for Civil Rights, except for issues related to tenant rights and protections; and
- immigrant and refugee rights, including the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Land Use: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development, zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, except for issues related to rental regulations;
- Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions; and
- the equitable development initiative (EDI) and its projects.

Public Safety & Human Services: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- criminal justice and law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence (including the Seattle Police Department and the City Attorney's Office);
- oversight of the Community Safety and Communications Center;
- development and implementation of programs related to alternatives to police response and programs to reduce the public's involvement with law enforcement and decrease involvement with the Criminal Legal System;
- police accountability (including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of Inspector General,

- and the Community Police Commission), and the implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department;
- coordination with municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies engaged in public safety issues (including the Seattle Municipal Court);
  - fire prevention and suppression, and emergency medical services;
  - emergency preparedness, management, and response; and
  - youth justice, alternatives to youth detention, and alternative housing options to youth incarceration;
  - human services including but not limited to: child care, aging, disability services, safe and thriving communities and the Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) program; and
  - local and regional public health.

Sustainability & Renters' Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate justice, conservation programs, green buildings, and food policy;
- implementation of the Green New Deal for Seattle, including hearing the recommendations and proposals from the Green New Deal (GND) Oversight Board and community organizations, and monitoring the implementation of the GND by City departments, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment; and
- renters' rights, including hearing recommendations and proposals from the Seattle Renters' Commission and community organizations, monitoring the enforcement of renters' rights by City departments, including the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections and the Office for Civil Rights, and considering legislation related to renters' rights, including but not limited to

legislation intended to protect renters facing gentrification, economic evictions, excessive background checks, and unaffordable rent.

Transportation & Seattle Public Utilities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation;
- transportation issues and projects affecting Seattle including transit service, policies, and planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; and freight mobility planning;
- coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City’s interests on transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and
- water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), including SPU environmental services and utility rates, regional water resources, endangered species recovery plans, waterway cleanup, and green stormwater infrastructure.

Section 3. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned City Council committee to update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual interest. The City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by Executive branch staff on PDA issues.

<b>Public Development Authority</b>	<b>City Council Standing Committee</b>
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Finance & Housing
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Finance & Housing



Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights & Culture
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights & Culture
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Economic Development, Technology & City Light
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Public Assets & Homelessness
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights & Culture
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Governance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments

Section 4. Report of the action of a standing committee taken before adoption of this resolution may be made to the City Council at any time consistent with Council Rules and Procedures by any of the following: (a) the Councilmember who chaired or chairs that committee; (b) any Councilmember who was on that committee or who attended that committee’s meeting at the time of the action; or (c) any sponsor of the legislative item on which the action was taken.

Section 5. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2020-2021 committee is re-referred to the 2022-2023 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject matter of the legislative item.

Section 6. This section establishes the Council President’s intent to establish a Select Committee on Climate Action. This Select Committee would be established concurrently with development and adoption of the Council’s 2022 Annual Work Program where specific projects would be identified for consideration in this Select Committee.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, and signed by \_\_\_\_\_ in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council  
Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk  
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Attachments:  
Attachment 1 - Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committees 2022-2023