

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 32124**

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2024 and 2025; and superseding Resolution 32037.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the City Charter grants the Council authority to “create and use committees of its members to facilitate its legislative functions; Provided, that no committee of the Council and no members shall have or exercise executive or administrative power, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Charter”; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Effective January 2, 2024, and until further notice, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 32037. The 2024 and 2025 standing committees of the Seattle City Council shall begin convening on or after February 1, 2024.

<b>Standing Committee</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>		<b>Committee Meeting Days and Times<sup>1,2</sup></b>
<b>Finance, Native Communities &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	Chair	Strauss	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Rivera	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Nelson	
<b>Governance, Accountability &amp; Economic Development</b>	Chair	Nelson	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Kettle	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Saka	

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<b>Housing &amp; Human Services</b>	Chair	Moore	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Morales	
	Member	Nelson	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Position 8 Councilmember	
<b>Land Use</b>	Chair	Morales	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Position 8 Councilmember	
<b>Libraries, Education &amp; Neighborhoods</b>	Chair	Rivera	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Position 8 Councilmember	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Morales	
<b>Parks, Public Utilities &amp; Technology</b>	Chair	Hollingsworth	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Nelson	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Strauss	
<b>Public Safety</b>	Chair	Kettle	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Saka	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Nelson	
<b>Sustainability, City Light, Arts &amp; Culture</b>	Chair	Position 8 Councilmember	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Moore	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Strauss	
<b>Transportation</b>	Chair	Saka	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Strauss	

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<p><sup>1</sup> Rule VI.C.3 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires that a regularly scheduled standing committee meeting will be moved to the following Friday if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The regular schedule places that meeting on a legal holiday; or</li> <li>b. A legal holiday moves a City Council meeting to a day on which that meeting is regularly scheduled.</li> </ol> <p><sup>2</sup> Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires that regularly scheduled standing committee meetings are suspended (canceled) from the time the Council’s Select Budget Committee receives the Mayor’s proposed budget (typically the end of September) to the time the Council adopts a budget (typically the third week of November). Special standing committee meetings may be called:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or</li> <li>• Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.</li> </ul>			

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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.

Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments: 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, Native Communities and Tribal Governments is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- the City Budget Office; the City Employees’ Retirement System; and the Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts;

- 1           – the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Office of City  
2           Finance, the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer  
3           Service Bureau, and other administrative functions;
- 4           – facilitating government to government relations with Tribes and coordinating public  
5           planning with Tribal governments on issues such as economic development,  
6           environmental stewardship, and sustaining and protecting indigenous culture,  
7           language and history; and
- 8           – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to increasing communication  
9           between tribes and urban indigenous populations, including hearing  
10          recommendations from the Indigenous Advisory Council.

11           Governance, Accountability & Economic Development: To provide policy direction and  
12 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 13           – the Office of Economic Development; including policies and programs focused on  
14           small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, Downtown  
15           recovery, workforce development, wealth generation in communities of color, key  
16           industry sector support, creative economy growth, and the Future of Seattle  
17           Economy investment agenda;
- 18           – enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in City of Seattle government,  
19           including improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of City  
20           funded programs and services;
- 21           – general government oversight, including the Office of City Auditor, Office of  
22           Hearing Examiner; the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, the Office of  
23           Intergovernmental Relations, including regional, state, federal, and other

1 governmental matters, Charter review, code improvement, and rules of the City  
2 Council; and

- 3 – the Seattle Department of Human Resources, the Office of Labor Standards, Civil  
4 Service Commissions, the Office of the Employee Ombud and generally City  
5 personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining  
6 agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of  
7 employment.

8 Housing & Human Services: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate  
9 and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 10 – the Office of Housing, including housing policies and programs, investing and  
11 promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers,  
12 families, and retirees and the Seattle Housing Levy;
- 13 – rental regulation policies and practices, including regulations and enforcement  
14 activities administered by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections  
15 and the Office for Civil Rights;
- 16 – the Human Services Department, including but not limited to: youth and family  
17 services, child care, local and regional public health, addressing homelessness, safe  
18 communities, and aging and disability services;
- 19 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to the King County Regional  
20 Homelessness Authority, including appointments to the implementation Board  
21 members, and review of proposed policies, plans, and annual budgets for the  
22 regional authority; and
- 23 – the Office for Civil Rights.

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

- 3           – planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development,  
4           zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and  
5           Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and  
6           Inspections, except for issues related to landlord tenant regulations;
- 7           – Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions; and
- 8           – the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) and its projects.

9           Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and to  
10 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 11           – the Seattle Public Library system;
- 12           – the Department of Education and Early Learning, including the City’s Families,  
13           Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy;
- 14           – the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement  
15           and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation; and
- 16           – the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

17           Parks, Public Utilities & Technology: To provide policy direction and oversight and to  
18 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 19           – the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, including parks, community centers,  
20           and public grounds (e.g., Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium);
- 21           – the Seattle Center, including Memorial Stadium and Climate Pledge Arena, and the  
22           Office of the Waterfront; and

- 1           – the Department of Information Technology, including City information technology  
2           planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and  
3           planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology  
4           grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access.

5           Public Safety: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make  
6 recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 7           – criminal justice and law enforcement, including the Seattle Police Department, the  
8           City Attorney’s Office, and the Seattle Municipal Court;  
9           – the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department, including the  
10          City’s 911 Center and development and implementation of programs related to  
11          alternatives to police response;  
12          – police accountability, including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of  
13          Inspector General, and the Community Police Commission;  
14          – the Seattle Fire Department, including fire prevention and suppression, and  
15          emergency medical services; and  
16          – the Office of Emergency Management, including emergency preparedness,  
17          management, and response.

18          Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture: To provide policy direction and oversight and  
19 to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 20          – the Office of Sustainability and Environment, including strategies to achieve the  
21          City’s environmental goals;

- 1           – Seattle City Light, including City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource
- 2           matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative
- 3           energy sources; and
- 4           – the Office of Arts and Culture.

5           Transportation: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make  
6 recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 7           – the Seattle Department of Transportation, including transportation issues and
- 8           projects affecting Seattle including transit service, policies, planning, and the City’s
- 9           Move Seattle Levy;
- 10          – and dedicated funding; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning;
- 11          transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-
- 12          of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood
- 13          transportation planning; and freight mobility planning; and
- 14          – coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City’s interests on
- 15          transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County,
- 16          Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

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

<b>Public Development Authority</b>	<b>City Council Standing Committee</b>
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Housing & Human Services
Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Seattle Social Housing Public Development Authority	Housing & Human Services

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

7           Section 5. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2022-2023  
 8 committee is re-referred to the 2024-2025 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject  
 9 matter of the legislative item.



**Attachment 1: Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committees 2024-2025**

<b>Department   Office</b>	<b>Committee with Oversight</b>
<b>Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS)</b>	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
<b>Office of City Auditor (AUD)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department (CARE)</b>	Public Safety
<b>City Budget Office (CBO)</b>	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
<b>Seattle Center (CEN)</b>	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
<b>Civil Service Commission (CIV)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Community Police Commission (CPC)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)</b>	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
<b>Department of Neighborhoods (DON)</b>	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
<b>Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS)</b>	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
<b>Human Services Department (HSD)</b>	Housing & Human Services
<b>Hearing Examiner (HXM)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Seattle Information Technology (ITD)</b>	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
<b>Law Department (LAW)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Legislative Department (LEG)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Mayor’s Office (MO)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Office for Civil Rights (OCR)</b>	Housing & Human Services
<b>Office of Economic Development (OED)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts (Forecast Office)</b>	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
<b>Office of Emergency Management (OEM)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Office of Employee Ombud (OEO)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Office of Housing (OH)</b>	Housing & Human Services
<b>Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA)</b>	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
<b>Office of Inspector General (OIG)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Office of Labor Standards (OLS)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Office of Police Accountability (OPA)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Office of Planning &amp; Community Development (OPCD)</b>	Land Use
<b>Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)</b>	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

<b>Department   Office</b>	<b>Committee with Oversight</b>
<b>Office of the Waterfront (OW)</b>	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
<b>Seattle Department of Parks &amp; Recreation (PARKS)</b>	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
<b>Seattle City Employees Retirement System (SCERS)</b>	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
<b>Seattle City Light (SCL)</b>	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
<b>Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI)</b>	Land Use (except for issues related to land landlord tenant regulations)
<b>Department of Construction and Inspections - Landlord-tenant regulations (SDCI)</b>	Housing & Human Services
<b>Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)</b>	Transportation
<b>Ethics &amp; Elections (SEEC)</b>	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
<b>Seattle Fire Department (SFD)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Seattle Police Department (SPD)</b>	Public Safety
<b>Seattle Public Library (SPL)</b>	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
<b>Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)</b>	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology