

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

2:00 PM

**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**600 4th Avenue**

**Seattle, WA 98104**

### **City Council**

*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](mailto:Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov)*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on May 20, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Victoria Palmer  
John Hendrix  
Michael Karbowski  
Jonathan Blunt  
Bennett Haselton  
Rachael Snell  
Gabriel Jones  
Alex Olson  
Brandon Ang  
Lilah Shorey  
Howard Gale  
Maddi Danks  
Eleanor Steinhagen  
Acacia Pottschmidt  
Alberto Alvarez  
Holly Jokerst  
David Haines  
Johnny Townsend  
Jason Thiel  
Justin Bare  
Calvin Priest  
Oscar Haney

*The City Council was at ease from 2:38 p.m. to 2:41 p.m.*

*The City Council continued with public comment:*

Kshama Sawant  
Ashton Hope  
Sydney Hammer  
Long Nguyen  
Dominic Wolfgang-Wallace  
Karen Kinch  
Alex Tsimerman  
Patrick Gibson  
Em Smith  
Summer Miller  
Gabriel Mahan  
Gwendolyn Hart  
KD Hall

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**[IRC 480](#)**May 20, 2025**

Motion was made by Councilmember Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to amend the Introduction and Referral Calendar by removing Item 1, Council Bill 120983.

**The Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

At the request of Council President Nelson, item 1, Council Bill 120983, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar was adopted with the exception of item 1, Council Bill 120939:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: - None

**Bills:**[CB 120983](#)

**AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 5, 2025, through May 9, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**Council Bill (CB) 120983 was removed from the Consent Calendar.**

**Appointments:**

**GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE:**

[Appt 03146](#) **Appointment of Lawrence Alexander III as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03147](#) **Appointment of Davis R. Powell as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03148](#) **Appointment of KD Hall as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

[Appt 03158](#) **Appointment of Naseem A. Ghazanfari as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.**

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

**In Favor:** 3 - Moore, Rinck, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

[Appt 03159](#) **Appointment of Eunji Han as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.**

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

**In Favor:** 3 - Moore, Rinck, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 1, Council Bill 120983, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Bill 120983, AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 5, 2025, through May 9, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

By unanimous consent, the City Council agenda was amended to remove Council Bill 120983.

**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Rivera presented a Proclamation for signature honoring University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:  
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Councilmember Rinck presented a Proclamation for signature recognizing May 24 as Eritrean Independence Day. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:  
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Councilmember Hollingsworth presented a Proclamation for signature recognizing May 25 as Pride ASIA Day and a Proclamation recognizing June as 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamations:  
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 3, 2025.

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Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council