

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

July 27, 2026 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

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

Committee Website:

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

Only written public comment will be accepted at this meeting. Please submit written comments prior to 10 a.m. to ensure that they are distributed to Councilmembers prior to the start of the meeting. Comments may be submitted at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104. Comments received after 10 a.m. will be distributed after the meeting to Councilmembers and included as part of the public record.

Please Note: Times listed are estimated.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2026)

[June 29, 2026](#)

2. President's Report

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

3. Office of Intergovernmental Relations Summer 2026 Briefing

2:05 p.m - 2:35 p.m

Presenters: Mina Hashemi, Director, and Sam Read, Office of Intergovernmental Relations

[Presentation - Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Council Update](#)

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:35 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

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

2:40 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

City Council Agenda (2026)

[Link to City Council Agendas
Preliminary July 28, 2026, Agenda](#)

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

3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

7. Executive Session II on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

4:25 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*



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Council Briefing Minutes (2026)



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

Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, June 29, 2026, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:05 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Hollingsworth

Present: 7 - Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Eddie Lin, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Dan Strauss

Excused: 1 - Debora Juarez

Late Arrival: 1 - Dionne Foster

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2818 Council Briefing Minutes (2026)

The June 1, 2026, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

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

Inf 2819 City Council Agenda (2026)

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 3:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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Office of Intergovernmental Relations Summer 2026 Briefing

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Quarterly Update

Mina Hashemi, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Sam Read, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations

July 27, 2026



City of Seattle

What We Do

- Promote Seattle's interests with local, regional, tribal, state, federal, and international governments.
- Deliver strategic guidance to Council, Mayor, City Attorney's Office, and all City departments.
- Advocate on major policy and funding decisions with other governments.
- Coordinate legislative agenda and lobbying strategies.
- Maintain key memberships to strengthen regional and national influence.



OIR Lines of Business

- Leadership & Administration / Public Development Authority Coordination
- Federal Relations
- International Relations
- Regional Relations
- State Relations
- Tribal Relations



OIR Lines of Business

Federal Relations

Advance the City's federal priorities via coordinated engagement with Congress, federal agencies, national groups, and US mayors.

State Relations

Support the City's interests with the state's Legislature, Governor, and agencies through legislative priority development, lobbying, policy work, and strategic advocacy.



OIR Lines of Business

Regional Relations

Coordinate the City's engagement with regional agencies and local governments and advocate for funding and policy priorities.

Tribal Relations

Lead the City of Seattle's coordination and consultation with federally recognized Tribes and the city's urban Native communities.



OIR Lines of Business

International Relations

Manage the City's international relations, consular and delegation engagement, and Sister City programs.

Public Development Authority (PDA) Coordination

Build collaborative partnerships and strategic alignment with the City's PDAs and provide monitoring and oversight.



2027 State Legislative Session

- **Summer 2026:** OIR is collecting priorities from City Departments and the Mayor's Office.
- **Summer 2026:** OIR is meeting with Seattle City Councilmembers to collect legislative priorities.
- **Summer & Fall 2026:** OIR meeting with legislators and stakeholders to begin socializing policies and concepts.
- **Fall 2026:** OIR will finalize a draft legislative agenda for Council review.



Regional Updates

- **King County Transportation District (KCTD)** approved a 0.1% sales tax for transportation in unincorporated areas, and after successful advocacy by the City of Seattle, Seattle's annual share of the funds increased from an estimated \$1.9M to \$4.7M.
- **Sound Transit Board** adopted an updated System Plan and work plan outlining follow-up actions in policy, planning, operations, capital delivery, and finance. Legislation needed in Olympia to support ST3.
- **King County Executive Zahilay** transmitted legislation to implement the 0.1% behavioral health sales tax. King County Regional Policy Committee set to review it in the coming months.



OIR World Cup Support

- Facilitated direct communications, requests, and multiple visits from the governments of participating countries.
- Held emergency workshops for consular officials and connected local organizing committee with individual consulates who were playing in Seattle.
- Worked to ensure that Seattle Police Department's mutual aid strategy included Tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Partnered to host two FIFA Planning – Human Trafficking in Indian Country sessions with WA Attorney General's Office.



Other Updates

- OIR organized a tour for Congresswoman Jayapal to show off the City's work to revitalize 3rd Avenue, which was supported by federal earmarks.
- OIR worked with City partners to lead and develop HB 1515, allowing walkaround alcohol service at World Cup fan zones and Pike Place Market. Legislation expires in 2027 and OIR is in active discussions with departments on next steps.



Questions?





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City Council Agenda (2026)



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

2:00 PM

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

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President

Dionne Foster, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Eddie Lin, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

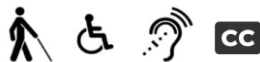
Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8803; Joy.Hollingsworth@seattle.gov

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CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council Agenda

July 28, 2026 - 2:00 PM

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Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair. Details on how to register for Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin one hour before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

In-Person Public Comment - Register to speak on the public comment sign-up sheet located inside Council Chambers at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

Written comments must be submitted prior to 10 a.m. to ensure that they are distributed to Councilmembers prior to the start of the meeting. Comments may be submitted at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104. Comments received after 10 a.m. will be distributed after the meeting to Councilmembers and included as part of the public record.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; Introduction and Referral Calendar; and Council's Work Program; and total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is up to one hour.

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. 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:

HUMAN SERVICES, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**[CB 121225](#)**

An ordinance relating to City employment; establishing the new Information Technology (IT) Talent Modernization classification title structure and corresponding rates of pay for IT positions across City departments.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Rinck, Juarez, Saka

Opposed: None

Appointments:

HOUSING, ARTS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

[Appt 03547](#)

Appointment of Zoe Bailey Stylianides as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2027.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03548](#)

Appointment of Terry Lin as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03549](#)

Reappointment of Katie Sophie Gonser as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03550](#)

Reappointment of Phillip Lewis as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03551](#)

Reappointment of Nicholas G. Leydon as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03552](#)

Reappointment of Brandon Monson as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03553](#)

Reappointment of Beverly Smith as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03554](#)

Reappointment of Kyle Tibbs as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to July 22, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03555](#)

Appointment of Adekunbi Ajiboye as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03556](#)

Appointment of Rashaad O'Neal as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03557](#)

Appointment of Daniel Ramier as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03558](#)

Reappointment of Balvina E. Cortez as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03559](#)

Reappointment of Shelby Dey as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03560](#)

Reappointment of Naomi Snow as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03561](#)

Reappointment of Sawyer Stearns as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03562](#)

Appointment of Sawyer McCrabb as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03563](#)

Appointment of Cadence Sagan as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03564](#)

Reappointment of Andrew Ashiofu as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

[Appt 03565](#)

Reappointment of Ashley E. Ford as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to April 30, 2028.

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY 6-YR. IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION PLAN:

1. [CB 121240](#) An ordinance relating to the 2025 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; approving an implementation and evaluation plan as required by Ordinance 127238; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 8 - Rivera, Hollingsworth, Foster, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Strauss
Opposed: 1 - Saka

LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 121215](#) An ordinance relating to Council land use decisions; amending Sections 23.76.050, 23.76.062, 25.05.070, 25.05.340, 25.05.455, 25.05.460, 25.05.502, and 25.05.680 of the Seattle Municipal Code to clarify processes for Council land use decisions.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Lin, Foster, Rinck

Opposed: None

Abstain: 2 - Strauss, Hollingsworth

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3. [CB 121256](#) An ordinance relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17; regarding the accretion of the Fire Protection Engineer classification series; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
4. [CB 121257](#) An ordinance relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and Seattle City Light and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 77; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
5. [CB 121258](#) An ordinance relating to City employment; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding that modifies a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the Professional and Technical Employees Local 17; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT