

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, May 27, 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

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 27, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 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:

Travis Pardo
Jared Houston
Mia Ebdy
Jason Thiel
Oscar Haney
Alex Olson
Sydney Hammer
Gabriel Jones
Justin Bare
Robyn Balcom
Howard Gale
Kylie Auld
Kathryn Dawson
Johnny Townsend
Eleanor Steinhagen
Alberto Alvarez
Emma Hunt
Inye Wokoma
Elayne Wylie
Andrew Ashiofu
Steve Kreidler
Paul Glumaz
Reo Tsachiya
Calvin Priest
Kshama Sawant
Brandon Ang
Superliv Morgan
Al Licata
Evelyn Kestrel
Marilyn Flynn
Kate Rubin
Paloma V.
Katie Jendrey
Sara Moore
David Haines
Ava
Madison Carstens
Cyra Wirth
Victoria Palmer
Gwendolyn Hart
Rick Harrison

Summer Miller
Geoff Kroll

Without objection, the City Council meeting recessed from 3:10 p.m. until 3:20 p.m.

At 3:23 p.m., the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting came back to order.

Present: 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Late Arrival: 2 - Hollingsworth, Moore

Councilmember Hollingsworth joined the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Motion was made and duly seconded to extend the public comment period.
The Motion failed by the following vote:

In favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Rinck, Solomon, Strauss
Opposed: 4 - Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 481](#)

May 27, 2025

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

In Favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Moore joined the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Bills:

1. [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.**

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

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

Opposed: None

2. [CB 120987](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 12, 2025, through May 16, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

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

Opposed: None

Appointments:**CITY COUNCIL:**

3. [Appt 03160](#) **Appointment of Girard Montejo-Thompson as member, Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

4. [Appt 03161](#) **Appointment of Lakeya Afolalu as member, Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

5. [Appt 03162](#) **Reappointment of Donald T. Felder as member, Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

6. [Appt 03163](#) **Reappointment of Manuela Slye as member, Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

7. [Appt 03164](#) **Appointment of Tom Graff as member, Pike Place Market Historical Commission, for a term to December 1, 2027.**

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

8. [Appt 03165](#) **Appointment of Augustine K. Rietsema as member, Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, for a term to June 30, 2027.**

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

9. [Appt 03166](#) **Appointment of Monica Houston as member, Pioneer Square Preservation Board, for a term to August 31, 2025.**

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

10. [Appt 03149](#) **Appointment of Leonard Harrison Jerome as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to August 31, 2025.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

11. [Appt 03150](#) **Appointment of Jack Brand as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

12. [Appt 03151](#) **Appointment of Alex Hudson as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

13. [Appt 03152](#) **Appointment of Chase Kitchen as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

14. [Appt 03153](#) **Appointment of Steven C. Pumphrey as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

15. [Appt 03154](#) **Appointment of Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

16. [Appt 03155](#) **Appointment of Nafiso D. Samatar as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

17. [Appt 03156](#) **Appointment of Tyler J. Vasquez as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

18. [Appt 03157](#) **Appointment of Jack Edson Whisner as member, Transportation Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Saka, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

1. [CB 120969](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; implementing interim controls to comply with various state laws; establishing findings and adopting a workplan for permanent legislation; amending Sections 23.22.062, 23.24.045, 23.34.011, 23.44.006, 23.44.010, 23.44.011, 23.44.012, 23.44.014, 23.44.016, 23.44.017, 23.44.044, 23.45.512, 23.45.514, 23.45.518, 23.45.522, 23.45.527, 23.45.529, 23.53.006, 23.53.025, 23.54.015, 23.54.020, 23.54.030, 23.84A.010, 23.84A.025, 23.84A.036, and 25.09.240 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120969 as shown in the underlined and strike-through language below:

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8. Supporting a diversity of housing options near public amenities, goods, and services; ~~and~~

9. Considering the modification of off-street parking requirements to support City goals for neighborhoods accessible by pedestrians, people with disabilities, bicyclists, transit users, and others who do not drive; and

10. Clarifying that the scope of provisions for NR zones do not preclude regulation of cladding materials for qualifying historic districts and landmarks pursuant to HB 5571.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck, duly seconded and carried, to amend Amendment A as shown in the underlined and strike-through language below:

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10. Clarifying that the scope of provisions for NR zones do not preclude regulation of cladding materials for qualifying historic districts and landmarks pursuant to ~~HB~~ SB 5571.

ACTION 3:

The Motion in Action 1 was restated as amended, and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

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

Opposed: None

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY CHANGES:

2. [Res 32168](#) **A RESOLUTION reaffirming The City of Seattle as a Welcoming City; and committing to maintaining policies that support all Seattle residents regardless of ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical or mental disability, religion, or immigration status.**

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):

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

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Solomon presented a Proclamation for signature recognizing 2025 as Wing Luke Year. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:

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

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION*

An Executive Session was not held.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 17, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council