

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

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](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 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.

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**Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk**

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

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**Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council**