

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, July 8, 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

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 July 8, 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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Excused: 1 - Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Alex Tsimerman

Bennett Haselton

Andrew Olson

Rose Legionaires

Cortni Holthaus

David Haines

Alberto Alvarez

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 487](#)

July 8, 2025

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Agenda.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, the proposed Agenda was amended to remove item 4, Council Bill 121003, and item 5, Resolution 32172.

CB 121003, AN ORDINANCE relating to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit); authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute an amendment to the "Agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit for Grant of Non-Exclusive Use of a Light Rail Transit Way as related to the Link Light Rail Transit Project" to reflect the approved alignment and light rail transit facilities for the Link Light Rail Transit Project, including addition of the West Seattle Link Extension; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Res 32172, A RESOLUTION approving the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines in The City of Seattle, including the West Seattle Link Extension; and superseding the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location approved in Resolution 31784.

ACTION 3:

The Agenda was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:**1. [Min 527](#) July 1, 2025**

The Minutes (Min) were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121024](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 23, 2025, through June 27, 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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Appointments:

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

3. [Appt 03145](#) **Appointment of Kai Smith as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Solomon

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 03212](#) **Reappointment of Marissa G. Baker as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2027.**

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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 03213](#) **Reappointment of Greg P. Ramirez as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2027.**

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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 03214](#) **Reappointment of Amanda Powter as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2027.**

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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

7. [Appt 03215](#) **Reappointment of Samuel Hilbert as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2027.**

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: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

8. [Appt 03216](#) **Reappointment of Dhyana Quintanar Solares as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Solomon, Strauss, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 03217](#) Reappointment of Kelabe Tewolde as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2028.

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

In Favor: 3 - Solomon, Strauss, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. [Appt 03189](#) Appointment of Dan Eder as Director, City Budget Office, for a term to July 1, 2029.

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

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

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Council President invited Director Eder to address the Council.

2. [CB 121012](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the Seattle Social Housing Developer; authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a loan agreement with the Seattle Social Housing Developer; authorizing a loan of funds in an amount up to \$2,000,000 from the General Fund as bridge financing to be repaid from future tax proceeds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 120989](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute and record a Leasehold Deed of Trust reflecting Cultural Space Agency's leasehold estate rights created through the agreement it executed with the City of Seattle as authorized under Ordinance 126916; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

4. [CB 121003](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit); authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute an amendment to the "Agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit for Grant of Non-Exclusive Use of a Light Rail Transit Way as related to the Link Light Rail Transit Project" to reflect the approved alignment and light rail transit facilities for the Link Light Rail Transit Project, including addition of the West Seattle Link Extension; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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

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

Opposed: None

The item was removed from the Agenda.

5. [Res 32172](#) **A RESOLUTION** approving the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines in The City of Seattle, including the West Seattle Link Extension; and superseding the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location approved in Resolution 31784.

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

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

Opposed: None

The item was removed from the Agenda.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Rinck requested that Councilmembers add their names to a letter in response to passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act by the U.S. Congress. The following Councilmembers added their names to the letter:

4 - Hollingsworth, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 15, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council