



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Governance, Accountability, and Economic Development Committee

Agenda

Special Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2025

2:00 PM

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

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Committee Website:

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Please Note: Times listed are estimated

A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [CB 121130](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Ethics Code; establishing reporting and disclosure requirements for political consultants; prohibiting political consultants from concurrently performing consulting work with the city; establishing a cooling-off period for political consultants; adding a new Section 4.16.072 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Section 4.16.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

Supporting
Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Presentation](#)

[Substitute Bill](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenters: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission; Lauren Henry, Council Central Staff

2. [CB 121131](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to City employment, commonly referred to as the Pay Zone Ordinance; adjusting the pay zone structures for 2026 for the City's discretionary pay programs; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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[Central Staff Memo](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Amanda Allen, Council Central Staff

E. Adjournment