

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32162

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2025; and superseding Resolution 32124.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the City Charter grants the Council authority to “create and use committees of its members to facilitate its legislative functions; Provided, that no committee of the Council and no members shall have or exercise executive or administrative power, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Charter”;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. Effective immediately, and until further notice, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 32124.

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments	Chair	Strauss	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Rivera	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Nelson	
Governance, Accountability & Economic Development	Chair	Nelson	2nd and 4th Thursdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Kettle	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Solomon	

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Housing & Human Services	Chair	Moore	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Solomon	
	Member	Nelson	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Rinck	
Land Use	Chair	Solomon	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Rinck	
Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods	Chair	Rivera	2nd and 4th Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Rinck	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Solomon	
Parks, Public Utilities & Technology	Chair	Hollingsworth	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Nelson	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Strauss	
Public Safety	Chair	Kettle	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Saka	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Moore	
	Member	Nelson	
Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture	Chair	Rinck	1st and 3rd Fridays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Moore	
	Member	Solomon	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Strauss	
Transportation	Chair	Saka	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Strauss	
	Member	Rinck	

¹ Rule VI.C.3 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires that a regularly scheduled standing committee meeting will be moved to the following Friday if:

- a. The regular schedule places that meeting on a legal holiday; or
- b. A legal holiday moves a City Council meeting to a day on which that meeting is regularly scheduled.

² Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires that regularly scheduled standing committee meetings are suspended (canceled) from the time the Council's Select Budget Committee receives the Mayor's proposed budget (typically the end of September) to the time the Council adopts a budget (typically the third week of November). Special standing committee meetings may be called:

- If a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or
- Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.

1 Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as described in this section.

2 Attachment 1 to this resolution lists the oversight responsibilities, organized by department, for
3 each committee.

4 Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments: To provide policy direction and
5 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 6 – the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the
7 operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and
8 claims against the City (the Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments is
9 the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- 10 – the City Budget Office; the City Employees' Retirement System; and the Office of
11 Economic and Revenue Forecasts;
- 12 – the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Office of City
13 Finance, the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City's fleets and facilities, the Customer
14 Service Bureau, and other administrative functions;

- 1 – facilitating government to government relations with Tribes and coordinating public
2 planning with Tribal governments on issues such as economic development,
3 environmental stewardship, and sustaining and protecting indigenous culture,
4 language and history; and
- 5 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to increasing communication
6 between tribes and urban indigenous populations, including hearing
7 recommendations from the Indigenous Advisory Council.

8 Governance, Accountability & Economic Development: To provide policy direction and
9 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 10 – the Office of Economic Development; including policies and programs focused on
11 small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, Downtown
12 recovery, workforce development, wealth generation in communities of color, key
13 industry sector support, creative economy growth, and the Future of Seattle
14 Economy investment agenda;
- 15 – enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in City of Seattle government,
16 including improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of City
17 funded programs and services;
- 18 – general government oversight, including the Office of City Auditor, Office of
19 Hearing Examiner; the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, the Office of
20 Intergovernmental Relations, including regional, state, federal, and other
21 governmental matters, Charter review, code improvement, and rules of the City
22 Council; and

- 1 – the Seattle Department of Human Resources, the Office of Labor Standards, Civil
2 Service Commissions, the Office of the Employee Ombud and generally City
3 personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining
4 agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of
5 employment.

6 Housing & Human Services: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate
7 and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 8 – the Office of Housing, including housing policies and programs, investing and
9 promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers,
10 families, and retirees;
11 – rental regulation policies and practices, including regulations and enforcement
12 activities administered by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
13 and the Office for Civil Rights;
14 – the Human Services Department, including but not limited to: youth and family
15 services, child care, local and regional public health, addressing homelessness, safe
16 communities, and aging and disability services;
17 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to the King County Regional
18 Homelessness Authority, including appointments to the implementation Board
19 members, and review of proposed policies, plans, and annual budgets for the
20 regional authority; and
21 – the Office for Civil Rights.

22 Land Use: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make
23 recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 1 – planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development,
- 2 zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and
- 3 Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and
- 4 Inspections, except for issues related to landlord tenant regulations;
- 5 – Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions; and
- 6 – the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) and its projects.

7 Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
8 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 9 – the Seattle Public Library system;
- 10 – the Department of Education and Early Learning, including the City’s Families,
- 11 Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy;
- 12 – the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement
- 13 and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation; and
- 14 – the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

15 Parks, Public Utilities & Technology: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
16 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 17 – the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, including parks, community centers,
- 18 and public grounds (e.g., Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium);
- 19 – the Seattle Center, including Memorial Stadium and Climate Pledge Arena, and the
- 20 Office of the Waterfront; and
- 21 – the Department of Information Technology, including City information technology
- 22 planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and

1 planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology
2 grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access.

3 Public Safety: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make
4 recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 5 – criminal justice and law enforcement, including the Seattle Police Department, the
6 City Attorney’s Office, and the Seattle Municipal Court;
- 7 – the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department, including the
8 City’s 911 Center and development and implementation of programs related to
9 alternatives to police response;
- 10 – police accountability, including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of
11 Inspector General, and the Community Police Commission;
- 12 – the Seattle Fire Department, including fire prevention and suppression, and
13 emergency medical services; and
- 14 – the Office of Emergency Management, including emergency preparedness,
15 management, and response.

16 Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture: To provide policy direction and oversight and
17 to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 18 – the Office of Sustainability and Environment, including strategies to achieve the
19 City’s environmental goals;
- 20 – Seattle City Light, including City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource
21 matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative
22 energy sources; and
- 23 – the Office of Arts and Culture.

1 Transportation: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make
2 recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 3 – the Seattle Department of Transportation, including transportation issues and
4 projects affecting Seattle including transit service, policies, planning, and the City’s
5 Move Seattle Levy;
- 6 – and dedicated funding; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning;
7 transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-
8 of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood
9 transportation planning; and freight mobility planning; and
- 10 – coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City’s interests on
11 transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County,
12 Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

13 Section 3. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council
14 standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may
15 request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned committee to
16 update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual interest. The
17 City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by Executive
18 staff on PDA issues.

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Housing & Human Services
Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Housing & Human Services
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Seattle Social Housing Public Development Authority	Housing & Human Services

1 Section 4. Report of the action of a standing committee taken before adoption of this
2 resolution may be made to the City Council at any time consistent with Council Rules and
3 Procedures by any of the following: (a) the Councilmember who chaired or chairs that
4 committee; (b) any Councilmember who was on that committee or who attended that
5 committee’s meeting at the time of the action; or (c) any sponsor of the legislative item on which
6 the action was taken.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 4th day of February, 2025,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 4th day of
3 February, 2025.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 6th day of February, 2025.

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8 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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10 Attachments:
11 Attachment 1 – Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committees 2025

Attachment 1: Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committees 2024-2025

Department Office	Committee with Oversight
Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS)	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Office of City Auditor (AUD)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department (CARE)	Public Safety
City Budget Office (CBO)	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Seattle Center (CEN)	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
Civil Service Commission (CIV)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Community Police Commission (CPC)	Public Safety
Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Department of Neighborhoods (DON)	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS)	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Human Services Department (HSD)	Housing & Human Services
Hearing Examiner (HXM)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Seattle Information Technology (ITD)	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
Law Department (LAW)	Public Safety
Legislative Department (LEG)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Mayor’s Office (MO)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)	Housing & Human Services
Office of Economic Development (OED)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts (Forecast Office)	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Public Safety
Office of Employee Ombud (OEO)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Office of Housing (OH)	Housing & Human Services
Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA)	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Office of Inspector General (OIG)	Public Safety
Office of Labor Standards (OLS)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Office of Police Accountability (OPA)	Public Safety
Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD)	Land Use
Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

Department Office	Committee with Oversight
Office of the Waterfront (OW)	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation (PARKS)	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology
Seattle City Employees Retirement System (SCERS)	Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments
Seattle City Light (SCL)	Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI)	Land Use (except for issues related to land landlord tenant regulations);
Department of Construction and Inspections - Landlord-tenant regulations (SDCI)	Housing & Human Services
Seattle Department of Human Resources (SDHR)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	Transportation
Ethics & Elections (SEEC)	Governance, Accountability & Economic Development
Seattle Fire Department (SFD)	Public Safety
Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)	Public Safety
Seattle Police Department (SPD)	Public Safety
Seattle Public Library (SPL)	Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	Parks, Public Utilities & Technology