

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

**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  
Tammy J. Morales, Member  
Maritza Rivera, Member  
Rob Saka, 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 Seattle, Washington, on January 2, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Morales presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**C. ELECTION OF 2024 - 2025 COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Pro Tern Morales opened the floor to nominations for the position of Council President for 2024 and 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded, to place in nomination the name of Councilmember Sara Nelson.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The Motion carried and Councilmember Sara Nelson was elected as Council President of the Seattle City Council for 2024 and 2025 by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

**D. PRESENTATIONS**

The Oath of Office Ceremony:

The Oath of Office was administered to Rob Saka by his daughter Maeve Saka, and joined by his wife Alicia Saka. Councilmember Saka addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Tammy J. Morales by her son Mateo Morales Teicher, and joined by her son Josh Teicher and her mother Janine Waller. Councilmember Morales addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Joy Hollingsworth by Analiyah Trevino-Jones, and joined by her father Raft Hollingsworth, Jr. Councilmember Hollingsworth addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Maritza Rivera by her daughter Elena Kully-Rivera, and joined by her mother Aida Maldonado. Councilmember Rivera addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Cathy Moore by her father Gerald Moore. Councilmember Moore addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Dan Strauss by Nestor Tamayao, retired King County Superior Court Deputy Clerk, and joined by Sally Bagshaw, former Seattle City Councilmember. Councilmember Strauss addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Robert Kettle by Anothny Dunne, his father-in-law, and joined by his daughter Evelyn Kettle and wife Sarah Dunne. Councilmember Kettle addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Matt Chan  
Carolyn Malone  
Alex Tsimerman  
Rev. Harriet Walden  
Manny Cawling  
Toby Thaler  
Julie Ralls  
David Haines  
Joe Kunzler  
Kirk Robbins  
Steve Zemke  
Charlotte Amoureux  
Nate Miles

**F. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**

[IRC 417](#)**January 2, 2024****ACTION 1:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar.

**ACTION 2:**

By unanimous consent, Council Rule III.A.4., relating to circulation of a Resolution for introduction and adoption by 5:00 p.m. on the preceding business day, was suspended to allow consideration of an amendment to the Introduction and Referral Calendar.

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolutions 32123 and 32124, and by referring them to the City Council to be acted on at today's City Council meeting.

Resolution 32123, A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2024-2025; superseding Resolution 32036.

Resolution 32124, A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2024 and 2025; and superseding Resolution 32037.

**ACTION 4:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the Introduction and Referral Calendar as amended.

**The Motion carried, and the Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**G. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Agenda.

**H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Journal:****1.     [Min 451](#)     December 12, 2023**

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

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss,  
Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**Bills:****2.     [CB 120733](#)     AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 4, 2023 through December 8, 2023 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**The item was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss,  
Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**3.     [CB 120734](#)     AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 11, 2023 through December 15, 2023 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**The item was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss,  
Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

4.     [CB 120735](#)     **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 18, 2023 through December 22, 2023 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**The item was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss,  
Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

#### **I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were none.

#### **J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were none.

#### **K. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

5.     [Res 32123](#)     **A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2024-2025; superseding Resolution 32036.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32123.

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

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss, Hollingsworth, Kettle,  
Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

6.     [Res 32124](#)     **A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2024 and 2025; and superseding Resolution 32037.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32124.

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

**In Favor:** 9 - Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Rivera, Saka

**Opposed:** None

#### **L. OTHER BUSINESS**

City Clerk Scheereen Dedman provide a presentation and overview of the appointment process and proposed calendar for the appointment to the Vacant City Council At-Large Position.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Council vacancy calendar by the following vote, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

#### **M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, January 16, 2024.**

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

**Attachment 1: January 2023 Council Vacancy Calendar**



## Attachment 1

## January 3, 2023 Council Vacancy Calendar

Process Description	Day(s) of Process	Duration	Notes	Who
CM Vacancy	01/02	0 day	<i>Notice of vacancy of a Council Position (resignation/removal/recall/etc. *)</i>	CM
Charter appointment process initiated	01/03	1 day	<i>Per Charter – 20 days to fill the vacancy. Per SMC 3.93.010 – defines the application and forum process to fulfill the vacancy.</i>	City Council & OCC
Application Submission Period	01/03 – 01/09	7 days	<i>Proposed application period of one week (5 business days) for both candidates and community forum participants and facilitators. Advertise opening/process on City Council website. Application window closes on 01/09 at 5pm.</i>	OCC
Applications open	01/03	1 day		OCC
Applications close	01/09	1 day		OCC
Applications Review Period	01/10	1 day	<i>Review applications for completeness and prepare for distribution/posting to Councilmembers</i>	OCC/HR
Applications distributed to CMs	01/10	1 day	<i>Distribute applications to CMs; provide all qualified applicant submissions and accompanying documents</i>	OCC
Applications Review Period	01/11-01/13	3 days	<i>Review applications</i>	City Council
Meet with Applicants	01/16-01/17	2 days	<i>Optional: CMs, meet with applicants.</i>	City Council
Community Forum(s)	01/17-01/18	1-2 days	<i>Forum hosted by Community Group (In person/Virtual)</i>	City Council
Regular or Special CB/Council Meeting(s)	01/19 – 01/22	4 days	<i>Potential Executive Session(s) – Evaluate the Qualifications for Public Office Receive Public Comment, Hold Applicant Interviews and Presentations.</i>	City Council & OCC
Appointment Process Expiration	01/23	1 day+	<i>Per Charter – 20 days to fill the vacancy ends Final day to appoint. If the Council has not appointed an applicant to fill the vacancy by the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> day, the Council must continue to meet <b>each business day</b> until an appointment is made.</i>	City Council & OCC

Resources: [Council Vacancy - CityClerk | seattle.gov](#)

Notes:

*\*If the vacancy is the result of a Recall Election the process will initiate upon certification of the Election Results*