

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, May 20, 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

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 20, 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: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Victoria Palmer
John Hendrix
Michael Karbowski
Jonathan Blunt
Bennett Haselton
Rachael Snell
Gabriel Jones
Alex Olson
Brandon Ang
Lilah Shorey
Howard Gale
Maddi Danks
Eleanor Steinhagen
Acacia Pottschmidt
Alberto Alvarez
Holly Jokerst
David Haines
Johnny Townsend
Jason Thiel
Justin Bare
Calvin Priest
Oscar Haney

The City Council was at ease from 2:38 p.m. to 2:41 p.m.

The City Council continued with public comment:

Kshama Sawant
Ashton Hope
Sydney Hammer
Long Nguyen
Dominic Wolfgang-Wallace
Karen Kinch
Alex Tsimmerman
Patrick Gibson
Em Smith
Summer Miller
Gabriel Mahan
Gwendolyn Hart
KD Hall

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:[IRC 480](#)**May 20, 2025**

Motion was made by Councilmember Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to amend the Introduction and Referral Calendar by removing Item 1, Council Bill 120983.

The Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Council President Nelson, item 1, Council Bill 120983, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar was adopted with the exception of item 1, Council Bill 120939:

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: - None

Bills:[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.

Council Bill (CB) 120983 was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Appointments:

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

[Appt 03146](#) **Appointment of Lawrence Alexander III as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Appt 03147](#) **Appointment of Davis R. Powell as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Appt 03148](#) **Appointment of KD Hall as member, Seattle Film Commission, for a term to April 23, 2028.**

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: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck,
Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

[Appt 03158](#) **Appointment of Naseem A. Ghazanfari as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Moore, Rinck, Saka

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

[Appt 03159](#) **Appointment of Eunji Han as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to July 1, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Moore, Rinck, Saka

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

There were no Committee Reports.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1, Council Bill 120983, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Bill 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.

By unanimous consent, the City Council agenda was amended to remove Council Bill 120983.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Rivera presented a Proclamation for signature honoring University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Councilmember Rinck presented a Proclamation for signature recognizing May 24 as Eritrean Independence Day. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Councilmember Hollingsworth presented a Proclamation for signature recognizing May 25 as Pride ASIA Day and a Proclamation recognizing June as 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamations:
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 3, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council