

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President

Dionne Foster, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Eddie Lin, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8803; Joy.Hollingsworth@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 January 6, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Strauss presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Juarez

C. ELECTION OF 2026 - 2027 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Pro Tem Strauss opened the floor to nominations for the position of Council President for 2026 and 2027.

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and duly seconded, to place in nomination the name of Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth.

Councilmember Juarez joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The Motion carried and Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth was elected as Council President of the Seattle City Council for 2026 and 2027 by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

D. PRESENTATIONS

The Oath of Office Ceremony:

The Oath of Office was administered to Dionne Foster by her son, Miles Foster-Cundiff. Councilmember Foster addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Oath of Office was administered to Alexis Mercedes Rinck by Bilan Aden, Co-Founder and Vice President, African Community Housing and Development. Councilmember Rinck addressed those in attendance in the Council Chamber.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Paul Glumaz

Rep. Brianna K. Thomas

Carolyn Malone

Bennett Haselton

Nathan Wall

David Haines

Yvette Dinish

Alberto Alvarez

Joe Kunzler

Palmira Figueroa

F. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 505](#)**January 6, 2026****ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolutions 32188, 32189, and 32190, and by referring them to the City Council to be acted on at today's City Council meeting.

Resolution 32188, A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2026-2027; superseding Resolution 32177.

Resolution 32189, A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council; and superseding Resolution 32162.

Resolution 32190, A RESOLUTION relating to participation on King County Committees, Regional Committees, State Committees, and City of Seattle Committees; and superseding Resolution 32178.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

G. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

1. [Min 548](#) December 9, 2025

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [Min 549](#) December 16, 2025

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

3. [CB 121145](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 8, 2025, through December 12, 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: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

4. [CB 121146](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 15, 2025, through December 19, 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: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [CB 121147](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of December 22, 2025, through December 26, 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: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

K. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

1. [Res 32188](#) **A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2026-2027; superseding Resolution 32177.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32188.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [Res 32189](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council; and superseding Resolution 32162.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32189.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

3. [Res 32190](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to participation on King County Committees, Regional Committees, State Committees, and City of Seattle Committees; and superseding Resolution 32178.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32190.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow consideration of an amendment that was not distributed 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32190, by changing the memberships as follows: by deleting Councilmember Juarez as a member of the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board, and inserting Councilmember Rivera as a member of the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board; deleting Councilmember Juarez as the alternate member of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee, and inserting Councilmember Kettle as the alternate member of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board; and adding Councilmember Kettle as a member to the Seattle International Affairs Advisory Board.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

L. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on January 13, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council