

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Monday, July 28, 2025

9:30 AM

Special Meeting

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Sara Nelson, Council President

Joy Hollingsworth, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Mark Solomon, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in special session in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on July 28, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Public Comment.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Catherine Gibson
Katherine Kang
Shannon Wilson
Erica Chung
Matthew Benuska
Julie Kang
Robin Peel
David Woodward
Jack Whisner
Elise Orlick
Hye-Kyung Kang
Brian Frisch
Maya Magarati
William I. Paige Jr.
Becky Shroeder
Alberto Alvarez
Araya Sandis
David Seo
Grace Jung
Jennifer Dunne
Kelly Brown
Lucca Howard
Julissa Villegas
Sujung Choi
Caryn Park
David Haines
Nicholas Jeffreys

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

E. ITEM OF BUSINESS**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to establish the following voting procedure to appoint the City Council District 5 position:

The Council President will move to nominate all six finalists as candidates to fill the City Council District 5 position until a candidate in the November 2026 general election for District 5 is elected and qualified. After the motion is seconded, Councilmembers will be given an opportunity to comment on the factors or criteria they used in deciding whom to support and any other information they wish to share before voting begins. When it is time to vote on appointing one nominee to fill the vacancy, the Clerk will call the roll. Councilmembers will respond by stating one nominee they wish to appoint. Councilmembers will not be able to change their nominee until the next round of voting, should there be one. If one nominee receives five or more votes that individual is appointed to fill the District 5 position and will assume office immediately after accepting the position and taking the Oath of Office. If one nominee does not receive five votes, then the Council will repeat the voting process until one nominee receives five or more votes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to nominate all six finalists as candidates to fill the District 5 position until a candidate in the November 2026 general election for District 5 is elected and qualified.

ACTION 3:

On roll call, the following votes on nominees were made:

Nilu Jenks - 1 (Rinck)

Debora Juarez - 7 (Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss)

Debora Juarez received a majority vote and was elected and appointed to fill the City Council District 5 position until certification of the November 2026 general election.

Council President Nelson invited Debora Juarez to the podium to confirm

acceptance of the position. Debora Juarez accepted the appointment to the City Council District 5 position.

The oath of office was administered to Debora Juarez by Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk, then Councilmember Juarez addressed the Council.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on August 5, 2025.

Robert Kettle, Council President Pro Tem of the City Council