

CITY OF SEATTLE

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.

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 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 32162. The 2026 and 2027 standing committees of the Seattle City Council shall begin convening on or after January 12, 2026.

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments	Chair	Strauss	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Rivera	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Kettle	
Governance and Utilities	Chair	Hollingsworth	2nd Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Juarez	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Strauss	
	Member	Kettle	

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights	Chair	Foster	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Lin	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Rinck	
Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development	Chair	Rinck	1st and 3rd Fridays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Foster	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
Land Use and Sustainability	Chair	Lin	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Rinck	
	Member	Foster	
Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods	Chair	Rivera	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Hollingsworth	
	Member	Lin	
	Member	Rinck	
	Member	Foster	
Parks and City Light	Chair	Juarez	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Kettle	
	Member	Saka	
	Member	Rivera	
	Member	Strauss	
Public Safety	Chair	Kettle	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Saka	
	Member	Lin	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Rivera	
Transportation, Waterfront, and Seattle Center	Chair	Saka	1st and 3rd Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Rinck	
	Member	Lin	
	Member	Kettle	
	Member	Foster	

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<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The regular schedule places that meeting on a legal holiday; orb. legal holiday moves a City Council meeting to a day on which that meeting is regularly scheduled. <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. If a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); orb. Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.		

1 Section 2. A Councilmember appointed to fill a vacancy after this resolution takes effect
2 shall assume the replaced Councilmember’s committee assignments.

3 Section 3. The duties of the standing committees are as described in this section.
4 Attachment 1 to this resolution lists the oversight responsibilities, organized by department, for
5 each committee.

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

- 8 – the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the
9 operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and
10 claims against the City (the Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments
11 is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- 12 – the City Budget Office; the City Employees’ Retirement System; and the Office of
13 Economic and Revenue Forecasts;

- 1 – the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Office of City
2 Finance, the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer
3 Service Bureau, and other administrative functions;
- 4 – facilitating government to government relations with Tribes and coordinating public
5 planning with Tribal governments on issues such as economic development,
6 environmental stewardship, and sustaining and protecting indigenous culture,
7 language, and history; and
- 8 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to increasing communication
9 between tribes and urban indigenous populations, including hearing
10 recommendations from the Indigenous Advisory Council.

11 Governance and Utilities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and
12 make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 13 – Seattle Public Utilities, including utility finances, rates, resource matters, operational
14 policies, regulations, regional matters, and the Utility Discount Program;
- 15 – the Department of Information Technology, including City information technology
16 planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and
17 planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology
18 grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access; and
- 19 – general government oversight, including the Office of City Auditor, Office of
20 Hearing Examiner; the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, the Office of
21 Intergovernmental Relations, including regional, state, federal, and other
22 governmental matters, Charter review, code improvement, and rules of the City
23 Council.

1 Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
2 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 3 – the Office of Housing, including housing policies and programs, investing and
4 promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers,
5 families, and retirees;
- 6 – rental regulation policies and practices, including regulations and enforcement
7 activities administered by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
8 and the Office for Civil Rights;
- 9 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to the Seattle Social Housing
10 Developer;
- 11 – the Office of Arts and Culture; and
- 12 – the Office for Civil Rights.

13 Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development: To provide policy direction and
14 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 15 – the Human Services Department, including but not limited to: youth and family
16 services, child care, local and regional public health, addressing homelessness, safe
17 communities, and aging and disability services;
- 18 – coordinating and managing the Council’s work related to the King County Regional
19 Homelessness Authority, including appointments to the implementation Board
20 members, and review of proposed policies, plans, and annual budgets for the
21 regional authority;
- 22 – the Seattle Department of Human Resources, the Office of Labor Standards, Civil
23 Service Commissions, the Office of the Employee Ombud, and general City

1 personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining
2 agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of
3 employment; and

- 4 – the Office of Economic Development; including policies and programs focused on
5 small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, Downtown
6 recovery, workforce development, wealth generation in communities of color, key
7 industry sector support, creative economy growth, and the Future of Seattle
8 Economy investment agenda.

9 Land Use and Sustainability: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate
10 and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 11 – planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development,
12 zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and
13 Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and
14 Inspections, except for issues related to landlord-tenant regulations;
- 15 – Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions;
- 16 – the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) and its projects; and
- 17 – the Office of Sustainability and Environment, including strategies to achieve the
18 City’s environmental goals.

19 Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and
20 to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 21 – the Seattle Public Library system;
- 22 – the Department of Education and Early Learning, including the City’s Families,
23 Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy;

- 1 – the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement
- 2 and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation; and
- 3 – the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

4 Parks and City Light: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and
5 make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 6 – the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, including parks, community centers,
- 7 and public grounds (e.g., Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium); and
- 8 – Seattle City Light, including City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource
- 9 matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative
- 10 energy sources.

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

- 13 – criminal justice and law enforcement, including the Seattle Police Department, the
- 14 City Attorney’s Office, and the Seattle Municipal Court;
- 15 – the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department, including the
- 16 City’s 911 Center and development and implementation of programs related to
- 17 alternatives to police response;
- 18 – police accountability, including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of
- 19 Inspector General, and the Community Police Commission;
- 20 – the Seattle Fire Department, including fire prevention and suppression, and
- 21 emergency medical services; and
- 22 – the Office of Emergency Management, including emergency preparedness,
- 23 management, and response.

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

- 3 – the Seattle Department of Transportation, including transportation issues and
4 projects affecting Seattle including traffic safety and progress toward the City’s
5 Vision Zero goals, transit service, policies, planning, the City’s Keep Seattle Moving
6 Levy, the Seattle Transportation Measure, and transportation engineering;
- 7 – dedicated transportation funding; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning;
8 new sidewalk construction and sidewalk repair; transportation system maintenance
9 and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and
10 vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; freight mobility
11 planning; micromobility; and efforts to modernize and improve the reliability of the
12 transportation system;
- 13 – coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City’s interests on
14 transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County,
15 Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; including matters related to
16 rapid transit expansion and regional mobility integration;
- 17 – the Seattle Center, including Memorial Stadium and Climate Pledge Arena, and the
18 Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects and Sound Transit; and
- 19 – oversight and citywide alignment of sports, entertainment, cultural, and civic
20 experiences, including mobility, safety, and coordination planning for major events
21 such as the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

22 Section 4. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council
23 standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may

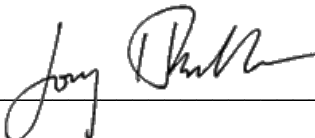
1 request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned committee to
 2 update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual interest. The
 3 City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by Executive
 4 staff on PDA issues.

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights
Community Roots Housing	Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights
Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority	Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments
Seattle Social Housing Public Development Authority	Housing, Arts, and Civil Rights


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

1 Section 6. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2024-2025
2 committee is re-referred to the 2026-2027 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject
3 matter of the legislative item.

4 Adopted by the City Council the 6th day of January, 2026,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 6th day of
6 January, 2026.

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President _____ of the City Council

9 Filed by me this 8th day of January, 2026.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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13 Attachments:
14 Attachment 1 – Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committee 2026-2027

Attachment 1: Department Oversight by City Council Standing Committees 2026-2027

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

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