

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31947

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2020 and 2021; allowing for suspension of standing committee meetings for consideration of a Revised 2020 Budget due to the COVID-19 Emergency declared March 3, 2020; and superseding Resolution 31922.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. Effective June 8, 2020 and until further notice, except as provided in Section 6 of this resolution from June 15, 2020 through July 17, 2020 or until the adoption of a Revised 2020 Budget, whichever is earlier, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 31922.

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Community Economic Development	Chair	Morales	3 rd Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Lewis	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Pedersen	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Herbold</i>	
Finance & Housing	Chair	Mosqueda	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Herbold	
	Member	González	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Strauss	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Morales</i>	
Governance & Education	Chair	González	2 nd Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Juarez	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Sawant	
	Member	Strauss	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times^{1,2}
Land Use & Neighborhoods	Chair	Strauss	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Mosqueda	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Pedersen	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>González</i>	
Public Assets & Native Communities	Chair	Juarez	1 st Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Pedersen	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Strauss</i>	
Public Safety & Human Services	Chair	Herbold	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	González	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Pedersen</i>	
Sustainability & Renters' Rights	Chair	Sawant	4 th Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Morales	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Pedersen	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Mosqueda</i>	
Transportation & Utilities	Chair	Pedersen	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	González	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Morales	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Juarez</i>	

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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 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. A 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 regular 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">• If review of a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or• Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.		

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Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as follows:

Community Economic Development: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- economic development policies and programs; including the Office of Economic Development, small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, workforce development, and improving access and opportunities to education and training for low- and middle-income workers, youth and communities of color;
- civil rights issues, including the Office for Civil Rights, except for issues related to tenant rights and protections;
- arts and cultural activities, nightlife issues, and special events;
- film and music activities; and
- the equitable development initiative and its projects.

1 Finance and Housing: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and
2 make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 3 – the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the
4 operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and
5 claims against the City (the Finance and Housing Committee is the Finance
6 Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- 7 – oversight of the City’s public works construction projects except as otherwise
8 specified;
- 9 – the City Employees’ Retirement System;
- 10 – the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Seattle
11 Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer Service Bureau, and
12 other administrative functions;
- 13 – housing policies and programs, including the Office of Housing, investing and
14 promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers,
15 families, and retirees;
- 16 – the Office of Labor Standards; and
- 17 – monitoring implementation of the priority hire program and promoting worker
18 protections.

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

- 21 – regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review,
22 code improvement, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City
23 Council;

- 1 – City personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining
- 2 agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of
- 3 employment;
- 4 – the Office of the Employee Ombud;
- 5 – the City Auditor;
- 6 – the Office of Hearing Examiner;
- 7 – ethics and elections, including the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission;
- 8 – immigrant and refugee rights, including the Office of Immigrant and Refugee
- 9 Affairs; and
- 10 – education and early learning initiatives, including the Department of Education and
- 11 Early Learning, the City’s Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy, with a
- 12 goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement
- 13 gaps.

14 Land Use and Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
15 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 16 – planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development,
- 17 zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and
- 18 Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and
- 19 Inspections, except for issues related to rental regulations;
- 20 – Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions; and
- 21 – the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement
- 22 and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation.

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1 Public Assets and Native Communities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
2 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 3 – parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Seattle Parks and
4 Recreation, Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium);
- 5 – the Seattle Center;
- 6 – the Seattle Public Library system;
- 7 – the Office of the Waterfront; and
- 8 – Native American issues, including housing affordability, health and mental health
9 services, services for youth, access to justice, art and culture, and historic
10 preservation.

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

- 13 – criminal justice and law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and
14 strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and
15 youth violence (including the Seattle Police Department and the City Attorney’s
16 Office);
- 17 – police accountability (including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of
18 Inspector General, and the Community Police Commission), and the implementation
19 of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of
20 Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department;
- 21 – coordination with municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies engaged in public
22 safety issues (including the Seattle Municipal Court);
- 23 – fire prevention and suppression, and emergency medical services;
- 24 – emergency preparedness, management, and response;

- 1 – youth justice, alternatives to youth detention, and alternative housing options to
- 2 youth incarceration;
- 3 – human services including but not limited to: child care, aging, and disability
- 4 services; and the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program; and
- 5 – local and regional public health.

6 Sustainability & Renters' Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
7 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 8 – urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate
- 9 justice, conservation programs, green buildings, and food policy; and
- 10 – renters' rights, including but not limited to legislation intended to protect renters
- 11 facing gentrification, economic evictions, excessive background checks, and
- 12 unaffordable rent.

13 Transportation and Utilities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate
14 and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 15 – the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation;
- 16 – transportation issues and projects affecting the City of Seattle including transit
- 17 service, policies, and planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning;
- 18 transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-
- 19 of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood
- 20 transportation planning; and freight mobility planning;
- 21 – coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City's interests on
- 22 transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County,
- 23 Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and

- 1 – water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by Seattle Public
- 2 Utilities (SPU), including SPU environmental services and utility rates, regional
- 3 water resources, endangered species recovery plans, waterway cleanup, and green
- 4 stormwater infrastructure;
- 5 – City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable
- 6 telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning
- 7 and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen
- 8 technology literacy and access;
- 9 – Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility
- 10 rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and
- 11 alternative energy sources;

12 Section 3. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council
13 standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may
14 request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned City Council
15 committee to update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual
16 interest. The City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by
17 Executive branch staff on PDA issues.

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Finance & Housing
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Finance & Housing
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Community Economic Development
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Public Safety & Human Services

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Public Assets & Native Communities

1 Section 4. Report of the action of a standing committee taken before adoption of this
2 resolution may be made to the City Council at any time consistent with Council Rules and
3 Procedures by any of the following: (a) the Councilmember who chaired or chairs that
4 committee; (b) any Councilmember who was on that committee or who attended that
5 committee’s meeting at the time of the action; or (c) any sponsor of the legislative item on which
6 the action was taken.

7 Section 5. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2018-2019
8 committee is re-referred to the 2020-2021 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject
9 matter of the legislative item.

10 Section 6. From June 15, 2020 through July 17, 2020 or until the adoption of a Revised
11 2020 Budget, whichever is earlier, City Council standing committee meetings are suspended.
12 Consistent with Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council,
13 special standing committee meetings may be called if review of a legislative action is required
14 within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or upon
15 the approval of the Council President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after
16 consultation with the Central Staff Director.

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1 Adopted by the City Council the 8th day of June, 2020,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8th day of
3 June, 2020.



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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 10th day of June, 2020.



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8 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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