



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development Committee

Agenda

Friday, February 20, 2026

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Chair
Dionne Foster, Vice-Chair
Joy Hollingsworth, Member
Debora Juarez, Member
Rob Saka, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8808; AlexisMercedes.Rinck@seattle.gov

[Watch Council Meetings Live](#) [View Past Council Meetings](#)

Council Chamber Listen Line: 206-684-8566

The City of Seattle encourages everyone to participate in its programs and activities. For disability accommodations, materials in alternate formats, accessibility information, or language interpretation or translation needs, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 206-684-8888 (TTY Relay 7-1-1), CityClerk@Seattle.gov, or visit <https://seattle.gov/cityclerk/accommodations> at your earliest opportunity. Providing at least 72-hour notice will help ensure availability; sign language interpreting requests may take longer.



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
**Human Services, Labor, and Economic
Development Committee**
Agenda
February 20, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Committee Website:

<https://seattle.gov/council/human-services-labor-and-economic-development>

This meeting also constitutes a meeting of the City Council, provided that the meeting shall be conducted as a committee meeting under the Council Rules and Procedures, and Council action shall be limited to committee business.

Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Please register in advance in order to be recognized by the Chair. Details on how to register for Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at the meeting at <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin one hour before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

In-Person Public Comment - Register to speak on the public comment sign-up sheet located inside Council Chambers at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

Please submit written comments no later than four business hours prior to the start of the meeting to ensure that they are distributed to Councilmembers prior to the meeting. Comments may be submitted at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104. Business hours are considered 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Comments received after that time will be distributed after the meeting to Councilmembers and included as part of the public record.

Please Note: Times listed are estimated

A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

Members of the public may address items on the agenda and matters within the purview of the committee. Please register in advance to be recognized by the Chair.

D. Items of Business

1. [Res 32191](#) **A RESOLUTION identifying the opportunity to develop a regional transportation hub adjacent to Westlake Park; creating a vision for how this hub will integrate with the surrounding neighborhoods; and setting forth directions for functionality, safety, and urban compatibility, along with guiding principles for the public projects planned for the area adjacent to Westlake Park.**

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note Presentation](#)

Discussion and Possible Vote (20 min)

Presenter: Alicia Teel, Acting Director, Office of Economic Development

2. **Wage Equity for Human Services Contracts**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (30 min)

Presenter: Jen LaBrecque, Council Central Staff

3. **HSD's (Human Services Department) 2024 Provider Pay Report**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (30 min)

Presenters: Tanya Kim, Director, and Owen Kajfasz, Human Services Department

4. **Overview of Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Workforce Investments**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (20 min)

Presenter: Michael Bailey, King County Department of Community and Human Services

5. **Human Services Provider Roundtable Discussion**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (45 min)

Presenters: Liz Vivian, Aurora Commons; Janice Deguchi, Neighborhood House; Marissa Perez, Seattle Human Services Coalition; Karen Lee, Plymouth Housing

E. Adjournment