

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

June 16, 2025 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

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

Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

Please Note: Times listed are estimated. Only written public comment is accepted at this meeting. Submit written comments to all Councilmembers prior to 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

[June 9, 2025](#)

2. President's Report

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

3. District 5 Council Position Vacancy Process

2:05 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Presenters: Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk, Office of the City Clerk; Lauren Henry, Legislative Legal Counsel, Council Central Staff

[Presentation](#)

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

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Council Briefing Minutes (2025)



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

Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, June 9, 2025, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:01 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Nelson

Present: 6 - Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Dan Strauss

Excused: 2 - Cathy Moore, Rob Saka

Late Arrival: 1 - Maritza Rivera

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2609 Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

The June 2, 2025, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

4. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

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The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

5. Executive Session on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*

At 2:54 p.m., Council President Nelson announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation with an estimated end time of 3:54 p.m. At 3:49 p.m., the Executive Session was extended to 4:20 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 4:14 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 4:14 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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District 5 Council Position Vacancy Process



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Position 5 Vacancy Appointment

LAUREN HENRY, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL; SCHEEREN DEDMAN, CITY CLERK

COUNCIL BRIEFING
JUNE 16, 2025

Vacancy initiated

- Councilmember Cathy Moore is resigning from her position, creating a vacancy effective July 7, 2025.
- Vacancy appointment process is 20 days, as established by the Seattle City Charter and SMC 3.93.010.
- Appointed Councilmember will serve until the November 2026 General Election results are certified and an elected District 5 representative is sworn in.
- Public information is available at: [Council Vacancy - CityClerk | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/cityclerk/council-vacancy)

Qualifications for City Council office set by Seattle City Charter

Seattle City Charter Article XIX, Section 2 requires that elective officers be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. A qualified elector of the State of Washington.
3. A registered voter of the City of Seattle.
4. Able to read and write the English language.

Article IV, Section 2 further requires that Councilmembers be:

5. A registered voter and a resident of the City of Seattle from at least 120 days prior to filing a declaration of candidacy.
6. A resident of the district represented for at least 120 days prior to filing the declaration of candidacy.

Seattle City Charter requirements for filling a Council vacancy

Article XIX, Section 6:

Requires that the City Council shall “within twenty days” proceed to select by ballot a person to fill such vacancy.

The selection is effective only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the City Council.

If the vacancy isn’t filled within twenty days after it becomes vacant, the City Council shall meet and ballot at least once each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

Seattle Municipal Code 3.93.010 Council Vacancy procedure

Ordinance 125479 created the Council vacancy procedures in 2017.

Requires Council to accept applications from anyone qualified to become a Councilmember and publish the application procedures within 5 business days of the seat becoming vacant.

Requires Council to publish application procedures for community entities to participate in the public forum development process within 5 business days of the seat becoming vacant.

After the deadline for applications, the City Council shall publish all submissions meeting the application standards.

Seattle Municipal Code 3.93.010 Council Vacancy procedure

The code requires the Council to develop a public forum for interviewing applicants. The Council shall consult with community entities if any make submissions and are selected, they can inform (1) the forum structure; (2) questions; and (3) accessibility considerations.

After the public forum, Council shall meet to consider the applications.

City Council must have at least 1 meeting after the applications are made public and receive public comment concerning the vacancy. At this meeting, candidates who participated in the forum may address the council.

Only applicants who participated in the public forum and addressed the City Council may be appointed.

District 5 Vacancy: Application Procedure

Applications will be received beginning July 2, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Applications accepted via email to: councilvacancy@seattle.gov

Deadline to submit applications is before 5 p.m. PST on July 9, 2025.

Applications must include:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Financial Interest Statement form (available on City Council vacancy page)

Public Forum and Community Entities

Community entities that wish to participate in developing or hosting the public forum may submit a letter of interest beginning July 2, 2025, at 8 a.m. to councilvacancy@seattle.gov. The deadline to submit is *before* 5 p.m. PST on July 9, 2025.

Community entities may also share general feedback about the public forum *before* 5 p.m. on July 9, 2025, related to:

- Recommendations for forum structure;
- Questions posed to candidates; and/or
- Accessibility considerations.



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Council Deliberations & Vote(s)

Council has two special meeting dates blocked off following the forum:

- July 22 – public comment and applicant interviews
- July 28 (conclusion of twenty-day Charter appointment process)
– discussion and vote

Successful candidate needs five votes (simple majority).

Calendar of Events

Description	Date(s)	No. Days	Notes	Who
CM Vacancy	06/02	-	Notice of vacancy of a Council Position (resignation)	CM
Charter appointment process initiated	07/08	1	Per Charter: 20 days to fill the vacancy begins Per SMC 3.93.010: defines the application and forum process to fulfill the vacancy	City Council & OCC
Applications open	07/02	7	Application period of one week (8 calendar days, 6 business days) for both candidates and community forum participants and facilitators. Advertise opening/process on City Council website. Period closes on 07/09 at 5 p.m. Applications received at 5 p.m. will be considered late and will not be forwarded to Council for review.	OCC
Applications close	07/09	-		OCC
Applications processed & distributed	07/10 - 07/11	2	Review applications for completeness; distribute to CMs & post to webpage. The list of applicants will not be available prior to this.	OCC
Application review period	07/14-07/16	3	Review applications; individual CM interviews (optional)	City Council
Executive Session	07/15	1	Potential Executive Session – Evaluate the Qualifications for Public Office	City Council
Special meeting to name finalists	07/17	1	Council names finalists who will participate in Public Forum and Council interviews	City Council
Community Forum(s)	07/21	1	Public Forum hosted by Community Group (In person/Virtual)	City Council
Special meeting to Interview applicants	07/22	1	Receive Public Comment; hold applicant interviews and presentations.	City Council & OCC
Special Meeting to Vote on Appointment (Appointment Process Expiration)	07/28	1+	Per Charter: 20 days to fill the vacancy ends Final day to appoint. If the Council has not appointed an applicant to fill the vacancy by the end of the 20 th day, the Council must continue to meet each business day until it makes an appointment.	City Council & OCC

Questions?



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City Council Agenda (2025)



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

2:00 PM

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

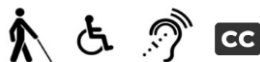
**Sara Nelson, Council President
Joy Hollingsworth, Member
Robert Kettle, Member
Cathy Moore, Member
Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member
Maritza Rivera, Member
Rob Saka, Member
Mark Solomon, Member
Dan Strauss, Member**

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov

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Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Details on how to provide Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period 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. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

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. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

Submit written comments to all Councilmembers prior to 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting at Council@seattle.gov or at Seattle City Hall, Attn: Council Public Comment, 600 4th Ave., Floor 2, Seattle, WA 98104.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:**Bills:****Appointments:****SUSTAINABILITY, CITY LIGHT, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:****[Appt 03168](#)**

Appointment of Ed King as member, Seattle Arts Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Appt 03169](#)

Appointment of Kate Nagle-Caraluzzo as member, Seattle Arts Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Appt 03170](#)

Reappointment of Vanessa C. Villalobos as member, Seattle Arts Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.

The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 4 - Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 121001](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, Local 79; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE: LEVY

2. [CB 120981](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 4, 2025 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City, a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW and to authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to six years for the purpose of providing education support services designed to improve access to early learning, including childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; and college and career pathways for Seattle students; applying the exemption for low income seniors, disabled veterans, and others authorized by RCW 84.36.381; authorizing a creation of a designated fund; directing the application of levy proceeds; establishing eligibility requirements for partners; establishing accountability and reporting structures; requiring a forthcoming Implementation and Evaluation Plan; proposing a ballot title; authorizing the implementation of agreements for this levy lid lift which will be commonly known as the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 8 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121000](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to prohibiting algorithmic rent fixing; and adding a new Chapter 7.34 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Moore, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 120997](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to current use taxation; approving an application for current use taxation of property located at 9666 51st Avenue South under the King County Public Benefit Rating System.
- The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).**
- In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 120996](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to emergency medical services; authorizing execution, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, of an agreement with King County regarding the imposition and allocation of property tax revenues generated by a six-year, voter-approved King County-wide tax levy for emergency medical services; approving the submittal by King County of a proposition to the voters seeking authority to levy those additional taxes; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
- The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).**
- In Favor: 3 - Kettle, Hollingsworth, Moore**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Nelson**
6. [CB 120994](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to surveillance technology implementation; authorizing approval of uses and accepting the 2025 updated surveillance impact report and 2025 executive overview for the Seattle Police Department's use of Tracking Devices; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
- The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).**
- In Favor: 3 - Kettle, Hollingsworth, Moore**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Nelson**

SUSTAINABILITY, CITY LIGHT, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

7. [CB 120986](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the execution of an indefeasible right of use fiber sharing agreement with Ziply Fiber Pacific, LLC for an effective period of up to two 15-year terms.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Rinck, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstain: 1 - Saka

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT