

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

*600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104*



## **Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**600 4th Avenue**

**Seattle, WA 98104**

### **City Council**

*Sara Nelson, Council President*

*Joy Hollingsworth, Member*

*Robert Kettle, 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](mailto:Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov)*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on June 24, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Saka, Solomon

**Excused:** 1 - Strauss

**Late Arrival:** 3 - Hollingsworth, Rinck, Rivera

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Rivera was excused from the June 24, 2025, City Council meeting.

*Councilmember Rivera joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.*

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Rivera's excused absence from the June 24, 2025, City Council meeting was rescinded.

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Paul Glumaz  
Paula Rees  
Ben Warden  
Emily Higgins  
Joan Fochs  
Bon Wood  
Alex Tsimmerman  
Michael Woody  
Victoria Palmer  
Geoff Kroll  
Ellen Sollod  
Jubilee Knight  
Bennett Haselton  
Gabriel Jones  
Jon Scholes  
Alberto Alvarez  
Lydia Felty  
Kate Rubin  
Allan Francis  
Mike Semko  
David Haines  
Elizabeth Archambault  
Leonard Jerome

*Councilmember Rinck joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.*

*Councilmember Hollingsworth joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.*

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**

[IRC 485](#)

**June 24, 2025**

**By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.**

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

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

**Journal:****1.     [Min 524](#)     June 10, 2025**

**The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

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

**Opposed:** None

**2.     [Min 525](#)     June 17, 2025**

**The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

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

**Opposed:** None

**Bills:****3.     [CB 121007](#)     **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 9, 2025, through June 13, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.****

**The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):**

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

**Opposed:** None

**Appointments:**

**FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS  
COMMITTEE:**

4. [Appt 03178](#) **Appointment of Laura E. Nicholson as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka  
Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed: None**

5. [Appt 03179](#) **Appointment of Angie S. Wood as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka  
Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed: None**

6. [Appt 03180](#) **Reappointment of Bilan Aden as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka  
Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

7. [Appt 03181](#) **Reappointment of Barbara Baquero as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor:** 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

8. [Appt 03182](#) **Appointment of Nurhaliza Mohamath as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor:** 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

9. [Appt 03183](#) **Reappointment of Tanika Thompson Bird as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor:** 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

10. [Appt 03184](#) **Appointment of Joey Lu as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2029.**

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

**In Favor:** 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

11. [Appt 03185](#) **Appointment of Yamila Sterling-Baker as member, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2029.**

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

**In Favor:** 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed:** None

## **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

1. [CB 120992](#) **AN ORDINANCE granting Downtown Seattle Association permission to install, maintain, and operate interactive media kiosks in public places located in the Metropolitan Improvement District and in other participating Business Improvement Areas, for a 16.5-year term, renewable for one successive 13.5-year term; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; suspending and superseding Sections 15.12.010, 23.55.001-23.55.003, 23.55.005, 23.55.008, 23.55.014, 23.55.015, 23.55.022, 23.55.024, 23.55.028, 23.55.030, 23.55.034, and 23.55.036 of the Seattle Municipal Code to the extent inconsistent; providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Downtown Seattle Association.**

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

**In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera**

**Opposed: None**

**The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):**

**In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon**

**Opposed: 2 - Moore, Rinck**

**HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:**



2.     [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**

**ACTION 1:**

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Tamaso Johnson, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

**ACTION 2:**

Councilmember Rivera announced she was disqualifying herself from voting on Council Bill 121000 due to a conflict of interest.

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121000, by adding a new Section 3 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI): (1) conduct outreach efforts to educate landlords about the requirements of this ordinance; and (2) transmit to Council, by January 31, 2026, a report describing the results of these outreach efforts and proposing potential ways that SDCI could assist with the implementation of this ordinance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

**ACTION 4:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Moore and duly seconded to amend Section 1 of Council Bill 121000 as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

**ACTION 5:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded to amend

Section 1 of Council Bill 121000 as shown in the underlined language below:

**7.34.040 Enforcement and penalties**

The City Attorney may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for violations of this Chapter 7.34 for civil penalties of up to \$7,500 per violation. Each instance of coordinating services for each dwelling unit may be considered a separate violation. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the City Attorney if the City Attorney is the prevailing party.

**7.34.050 Private right of action**

Any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a landlord or other person violating this Chapter 7.34 to recover damages up to \$7,500 per violation in addition to any actual damages incurred. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 if that person is the prevailing party.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Solomon

Opposed: 1 - Saka

Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

**The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):**

**In Favor:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

**Opposed:** None

**Disqualified:** 1 - Rivera

*Councilmember Rivera left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.*

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were none.

**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Kettle presented a proclamation for signature honoring Father Michael G. Ryan's retirement on June 29, 2025. The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:  
7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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**Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 1, 2025.**

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**Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council**

**Attachment: Att 1 - Action 4 of CB 121000**