



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Governance, Accountability, and Economic Development Committee

Agenda

Thursday, March 27, 2025

2:00 PM

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

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [Appt 03106](#) **Appointment of Vivian Vassall as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

2. [CB 120957](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to publicly-financed election campaigns; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to ten years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding the cost and administration of the City's Democracy Voucher program and other City purposes; outlining a process for contemplation of changes to the program; applying RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption to such levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

*Supporting
Documents:*

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Presentation](#)

[2023 Biennial Report](#)

[Participation and Representation - Results from the Seattle
Democracy Voucher Program in 2023](#)

[Central Staff Memo](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenters: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, and Rene LeBeau, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission; Dan Nolte, Mayor's Office; Brian Goodnight, Council Central Staff

3. **Four Recommendations to Better Understand and Address Current Gun Violence Patterns in Seattle**

*Supporting
Documents:*

[Presentation](#)

[Audit](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenters: Claudia Gross-Shader, Office of City Auditor; Natalie Walton-Anderson, Mayor's Office; Rebecca Boatright, Seattle Police Department; David Baker, Director of Data and Analytics, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

E. Adjournment