

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

November 25, 2024 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

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

Committee Website:

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

Only written public comment will be accepted at this meeting. Please 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. Business hours are considered 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2024)

[September 23, 2024](#)

[October 23, 2024](#)

2. President's Report

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

3. Seattle's 2025 State Legislative Agenda and Session Preview

2:05 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Presenters: Mina Hashemi, Director, Samir Junejo, and Anna Johnson, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)

[Presentation](#)

[Draft 2025 State Legislative Priorities](#)

[Draft Resolution](#)

4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:20 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

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

2:25 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



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Council Briefing Minutes (2024)



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

Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, September 23, 2024, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:03 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Sara Nelson

Present: 9 - Sara Nelson, Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle, Rob Saka, Cathy Moore, Tammy Morales, Maritza Rivera, Dan Strauss, Tanya Woo

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The September 16, 2024, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

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Inf 2372 City Council Agenda (2024)

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 4:10 p.m. At 4:07 p.m., the Executive Session was extended to 4:25 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 4:12 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 4:12 p.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 10:30 AM

Meeting Start Time: 10:36 a.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Nelson

Present: 6 - Sara Nelson, Robert Kettle, Rob Saka, Cathy Moore, Dan Strauss, Tanya Woo

Excused: 1 - Tammy Morales

Late Arrival: 2 - Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera

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

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At 10:39 a.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 11:47 a.m. The Executive Session concluded at 11:22 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 11:22 a.m.

Prepared by: Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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Seattle's 2025 State Legislative Agenda and Session Preview

2025 State Legislative Agenda & Session Preview

Mina Hashemi, Office of Intergovernmental Relations Director

Anna Johnson, State Legislative Affairs Director

Samir Junejo, State Relations Director

Preview

- 12/3 Council vote on Legislative Agenda Resolution
- OIR is engaging with legislators, finding sponsors, and working with other stakeholders.
- November Election Results
 - Initiatives, new executive leadership, & new legislators
 - House Democrats hold 59-39 seat majority, Senate Democrats hold 30-19 seat majority
- Pre-filing of legislation begins in early December
- December 9, 10, 12, 13 - Legislative Committee Days
- Governor's budget
- 105 day long session, drafting biennial budgets

Legislative Process & Deadlines

- Tentative Schedule
 - Second Monday in January – First Day of Session
 - Mid February – Policy Cut Off
 - Late February – Fiscal Cut Off
 - Early March – House of Origin Cut Off
 - Late March – Opposite Chamber Policy Cut Off
 - Early April – Opposite Chamber Fiscal Cut Off
 - Mid April – Opposite Chamber Floor Cut Off
 - End of April – Sine Die

Hot Topics

- Budget cuts
- New revenue options
- K-12 funding
- Housing affordability
- Public safety

Seattle's Legislative Agenda





City of Seattle 2025 State Legislative Priorities

We have identified the following priorities for the 2025 legislative session:

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What to expect during session

- Regular council briefings from OIR's state team
- Weekly council bulletin & hearings schedule
- Opportunities to testify
- Available to meet with you or your staff

Questions?



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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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A RESOLUTION setting forth The City of Seattle’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda.

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle’s State Legislative Agenda is developed annually with input

from City departments, elected officials, Seattle state legislative delegation, regional

governmental agencies, statewide interest groups, and advocates; and

WHEREAS, the City, in cooperation with these entities, will advocate to the Legislature for

items included in the State Legislative Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 legislative session begins on Monday, January 13, 2025, and is expected

to last 105 days, ending on Sunday, April 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 legislative session will likely result in the adoption of operating, capital,

and transportation budgets, as well as changes to state policy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE

MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. Issues in The City of Seattle’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda reflect an accurate, though non-exhaustive, list of City interests and priorities for the 2025 state legislative session.

Section 2. The City of Seattle’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda attached to this resolution as Exhibit 1 is adopted.

Section 3. The City Council requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to file a formatted version of The City of Seattle’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda with the City Clerk.

1 Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2024,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of
3 _____, 2024.

4 _____
5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2024.

7 _____
8 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

9 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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11 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

12 (Seal)

13 Attachments:
14 Exhibit 1 – City of Seattle 2025 State Legislative Agenda



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