

Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 12/2/24 Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Debolina Banerjee, Camille Gipaya, Nancy Huizar, Emily Myers, Peter Hasegawa, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Jess Wallach, Keith Weir, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney, Andrea Ornelas, Nina Olivier, Eunice How, Matt Remle, and Susan Balbas
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Ken Workman, Lizzy Baskerville, Rachel Heaton, Stephanie Ung
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Lylianna Allala (OSE)

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VOTE: Approval of the October Board Meeting Minutes
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MEETING NOTES

Peter Hasegawa, Emily Pickney, and Nina Olivier (GNDOB Executive Committee members) and **Elise Rasmussen** (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate) facilitated the meeting.

Meeting notes were taken by **Sara Cubillos** (OSE Green New Deal Advisor)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peter started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Steve Gelb moved to approve the minutes. **Keith Weir** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the October Meeting Minutes. **Unanimous approval.**

STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Rasmussen provided the following staff updates:

- Update from **Lylianna Allala**, OSE Climate Justice Director:
 - OSE will be releasing the 2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory in mid-December. The inventory is the City's way to track GHG emissions and is one of the data sources for how the City can meet its climate goals.
 - Once the inventory is released, OSE will come back to the Board with the findings and the report.
 - Q&A:
 - Does the report include population information?

- Yes, there is some high-level GDP data.
 - Does the inventory take into account emissions from data / industrial centers?
 - Industrial emissions are captured by the EPA and are not location-based.
 - Data facilities are not accounted for given their locations outside of the City. Data facilities are not part of the sources the City tracks.
- Budget Items:
 - City Council added \$400k to OSE's budget to fund business support and workforce development in the Duwamish Valley. This is funded through the Payroll Expense Tax.
 - Q&A:
 - Was the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund restored?
 - No.
 - Was continued funding the Indigenous Led Sustainability Projects added to the budget?
 - No.
- Rescheduling the next two Board Meetings due to holidays to January 27th and February 24th.
- 2024 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception – December 6th at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Seattle Clean Building Accelerator: Multifamily Webinar on Dec. 17th
- **Community Assemblies Process Update:** Next year the community engagement committee along with the anchor organizations will be sharing the findings from the assembly process. See the assemblies featured in a Public News Service article [here](#).
- **Recruiting for New GND Oversight Board Members:**
 - 7 open seats and 3 seats are up for reappointment.
 - OSE staff will be looking to Board members to help recruit for open seats and the application process.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nina Olivier provided the following Executive Committee updates:

- The Executive Committee is meeting on Dec. 3rd to start work planning updates and will bring that back to the Board after the holiday break.
- Board Members can sign up if interested in joining Council Member meet and greets.
- Executive Committee will be meeting 1:1 with each Board member to hear about their goals for 2025.

BOARD RETREAT RECAP & WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

- Visioning exercise on how Seattle communities will benefit from the Green New Deal.
- The Board discussed how they would like to work together moving forward.
- The Board identified visions for 2050, 2040, 2030, and 2025.
- Some of the priorities identified by the Board were:
 - Coalition building and community education
 - Define and create a clear vision for Seattle's Green New Deal
 - Support the development and maintenance of data baselines
 - Push for increasing PET funds or create another progressive revenue stream

- Rapid response to emergent needs
- Continue learning and relationship building opportunities for the Board
- Recruit and onboard new Oversight Board members
- Board members are encouraged to provide feedback on these priorities and anything that might be missing.
- Q&A:
 - **Camille Gipaya** suggested adding additional time for relationship-building once new Board members are onboarded.
 - **Elise Rasmussen** will highlight next steps for the Board over email.

2025-2026 CITY BUDGET RECAP

- **Debolina Banerjee** provided an update on the coalition-based and community-based budget advocacy.
 - EDI and EJ Fund took the biggest hits in this budget.
 - The budget process allowed Board members to learn more about Indigenous-led sustainability projects.
 - We need to better understand what funding sources can be accessed and build the foundation of our advocacy before the budget process begins.
 - Community groups and organizations are struggling financially without the continuity of certain City programs.
 - Questions:
 - How is the new federal landscape going to be impacting communities?
 - How can the Board advocate for different revenue sources?
 - Can we find ways to connect multiple issues or learn about new solutions?
 - Can we create a strategic plan for the Oversight Board? How can the group maintain momentum? Is there a space for this work with the proposed capital gains tax? How can we bring humanity back into the conversation?
 - Is anyone interested in learning more about what the possibilities are for progressive revenue in the City? Any wanting to do shared learning can talk to Jess Wallach and see this [Transit Union Riders link](#).

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

Keith Weir moved to adjourn the meeting and **Peter Hasegawa** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm. **Unanimous approval.**