

# Green New Deal Oversight Board Minutes

<b>MEETING SUMMARY</b>	<b>Date:</b> 2/24/25 <b>Time:</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM <b>Location:</b> Zoom
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Debolina Banerjee, Camille Gipaya, Emily Myers, Hannah Lindell-Smith, Keith Weir, Steve Gelb, Emily Pinckney, Andrea Ornelas, Nina Olivier, Matt Remle, Lizzy Baskerville, Peter Hasegawa, Eunice How, Stephanie Ung, Nancy Huizar, Andrea Ornelas
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Ken Workman, Rachel Heaton, Jess Wallach,
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sunny Ysa (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE), Faduma Fido (PEL), Laura Nash (PEL), Robin Briggs, Evelyn

<b>DECISIONS MADE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VOTE: Approval of January Meeting Minutes</li></ul>
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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 **Rebecca Zaragoza** (OSE).

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Nina Olivier** started the meeting, reviewed the meeting agenda, and facilitated introductions.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Robin Briggs** referenced the Mayor's recent remarks on the Climate Action Plan and joined to learn more about that process.

## VOTE: APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

**Steve Gelb** moved to approve the minutes. **Nancy Huizar** seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the January meeting Minutes. **Unanimous approval.**

## STAFF UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Elise Rasmussen** provided the following staff updates:

### Upcoming Meetings:

- **March** – Resuming regular monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month
- **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch & Learn: Office of Emergency Management
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch & Learn: Shape Our Water Plan and the intersection between the plan, climate justice, and community resiliency.
- **Tentative – April 18<sup>th</sup>** – GNDOB and the Outdoors (Oversight Board field trip with Rachel)
- **Communications Updates:**
  - New Monthly Newsletter! Please [sign up here](#) and share with your networks!

- The Oversight Board’s Website and the GND Website have been updated. Staff will continue update the website as needed.
- **Call for Support: Recruiting for NEW Oversight Board Members!**
  - 12 open seats
  - 3 seats for Re-Appointment
  - The application process will likely open in Early March.
  - Calls for support:
    - Share with your networks! And share opportunities for them to engage and access the Board’s resources.
    - Share the application once it’s live.
    - Let staff know how you want to be involved in the application/interview process.
      - Thank you to Nancy, Matt, and Stephanie who have volunteered. 2 additional members are welcome to volunteer.
- **Staffing Updates:**
  - **Elise Rasmussen** will transition to interim Climate Justice Advisor on 2/26. Elise will continue supporting the Board.
  - **Rebecca Zaragoza** will continue to be on staff part-time.
  - **Jazzmin Fragiaco** will backfill for Elise Rasmussen’s position starting on 3/26 and will support with Board coordination.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Emily Pickney, Peter Hasegawa, and Nina Olivier** provided the following Executive Committee updates:

- Let staff or the Executive Committee know what personal information to share on the website.
- Climate Action Plan Update:
  - The Mayor is proposing an executive order to update the City’s Climate Action Plan.
  - Members can share ideas for this update to Peter and Emily to discuss in the PPP Committee.
- BEPS Rulemaking Update:
  - The working group has developed a draft rule which will open for public comment in the Spring.
  - Upcoming schedule:
    - Rulemaking public webinars (dates TBD)
    - Publish final rule draft for official public comment
    - Publish adopted Director’s Rule
- Certain data has been taken offline. Please continue saving and sharing important resources. See below for restored resources:
  - <https://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/buildings-and-energy/building-emissions-performance-standard/beps-rulemaking>
  - <https://climateprogramportal.org/library/>
- Report back from Mayor Harrell’s State of the City Address:
  - Mayor expressed dissatisfaction with the current administration. He expressed that the City will protect DEI and its sanctuary status for immigrants.
  - Announced the kick-off of the memorial stadium.

- Seattle is preparing for the FIFA World Cup 2026:
  - Staff and the Board are looking into opportunities for engaging in the planning process for world cup events.
- The Mayor will be exploring the streamlining of the Ballard and West Seattle Light Rail extensions; and discussed homelessness and the new Fort Lawton housing development.
- [Link to the State of the City.](#)

## COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES REPORT

Presentation by **Faduma Fido** and **Laura Nash**, People's Economy Lab

Faduma Fido and Laura Nash provided a status update on the Community Assemblies process and reporting as part of the Board's community engagement efforts.

- PEL has drafted two preliminary reports from the Community Assemblies led by MLK Labor and ULMS. The final reports will be more in depth.
- The reports also include high level recommendations from each Assembly.
- The reports outline the partnerships and engagement, planning and execution of the Assemblies, outcomes of the Assemblies, opportunities for improvement, and recommendations for the City of Seattle.
- PEL will finalize the reports and present the findings to the Board.
- PEL will publish a blog post about the reports once they are released. The reports will be housed in PEL, MLK Labor, ULMS, and GNDOB websites.
- PEL will share the links to the reports when they are ready. They expect the reports to be released in about a week.
- The Community Anchors, OSE staff, PEL and GNDOB members collaborated on the data analysis process.
- The reports will open with a letter from the GNDOB to connect the Assemblies effort with the work of the GNDOB.

Update from **Peter Hasegawa** and MLK Labor Assembly:

- Labor leaders are becoming more aware of the threats that climate hazards present for workers.
- Worker protections need to be expanded.

Update from **Camille Gipaya** and ULMS Assembly:

- Sharing the reports with the participants is a great opportunity for us to follow up with them and showcase how their participation and stories are being represented and informing next steps.
- Looking into the various platforms that can be used to amplify the report and the findings.

### Discussion

- The Board can take two weeks to review and provide feedback or input by Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## BOARD DISCUSSION: GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD WORKPLAN

**Elise Rasmussen** presented the plan for developing the Board's work plan for the next three years.

Timeline:

- 2/24 - Present Draft Workplan to the Board.
- 2/24-3/14 - Provide written feedback to Staff and Executive Committee via Email.
- Afternoon of 3/12 or 3/13 - Attend optional drop-in hour to provide feedback.
- 3/17 - Review updated workplan and provide feedback + Possible vote.
- 3/17-4/7 - Additional round of feedback if needed.
- 4/7 - Feedback deadline.
- 4/21 - Prepare to vote on final workplan.
- The Board will be able to inform the work plan within the next month. Feedback can be shared in written form and/or by adding direct comments in the document.
  - Elise will provide meeting opportunities for providing live feedback.
  - The workplan will likely be voted on and approved on 4/21.

#### **Discussion**

- As a reminder, the Board is required to do a yearly work plan based on the Charter.

#### **NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN**

**Peter Hasegawa** moved to adjourn the meeting and **Keith Weir** seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. **Unanimous approval.**