

Green New Deal Oversight Board

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Staff Updates



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Upcoming Events

- **Rescheduling Field Trip to June:** Connecting the GNDOB to the Outdoors! Board field trip with Rachel
- **March 25:** Lunch and Learn focused on the Shape our Water Plan and the intersection between that plan and climate justice and community resiliency
- **Lunch & Learns:** PPP Committee & staff will be scheduling multiple L&Ls during March/April to inform budget recommendations – optional attendance, recordings will be available



GNDOB Application Now Open – Please Share!

9 Open Seats

- 1 Tribal Representative (Ken Workman)
- 3 EJ Organization Reps (Debolina Banerjee, Eunice How & Susan Balbas)
- 3 Labor Union Reps (Keith Weir, Andrea Ornelas, and Emily Myers)
- 1 Emissions Reductions Rep (Jess Wallach)
- 1 Workforce Training Rep (Steve Gelb)

3 Seats for Re-Appointment

- 1 Labor Union Rep (Peter Hasegawa)
- 2 Emissions Reduction Reps (Nina Olivier [Board appointed] and Emily Pinckney)

Action Items

- **Share the application** – staff sent out a toolkit to amplify on 3/11
- Let staff know if you want to be involved with the application review and/or interview processes
 - Nancy, Matt, and Stephanie have already volunteered
- Encourage potential applicants to join a meeting, sign up to the newsletter, and check out the Board website

Staffing Updates - Welcoming Jazzmin Fragiaco on 3/26

Jazzmin is a recent graduate from the University of Washington and holds a Masters of Marine and Environmental Affairs. Her research and course work focused on environmental policy, community engagement practices, environmental justice, and marine renewable energy. For the past year, she has been supporting communications and outreach efforts for the Environmental Justice Fund. Jazzmin is excited to continue to support and contribute to the incredible work of the Climate Justice team while developing a deeper understanding of environmental justice policy and program implementation. Outside of work, Jazzmin enjoys baking anything and everything she can veganize, exploring Washington's seemingly unlimited hiking trails, climbing and trail running (albeit only when the weather is good), and reading a good fantasy novel while cuddling with her cat.



Indigenous Led Climate Initiative Fund

- Partnership between the City and the Seattle Foundation to fund projects at the intersection of Native American and Tribal climate leadership and traditional and cultural knowledge
- GNDOB and Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) to support the process – more information to come
- Opportunity to deepen relationships & collaboration with IAC, Tribes, and Indigenous led organizations
- Matt, Rachel, and Elise presented to the IAC on 3/14 – they are eager to collaborate



Seeking Feedback

Indigenous Led Climate Initiative Fund

- ***DRAFT Purpose/Goal:*** *The Native and Tribal Led Climate Initiative seeks to advance the City of Seattle and Seattle Foundation's priorities to invest in Native American and Tribal climate leadership and resource traditional and cultural knowledge. We also strive to build partnerships with Native leaders to deploy climate strategies that are unique to the needs of Native American communities and fulfill the City's cultural and resource preservation commitments made during the 2023 Tribal Nations Summit.*
- ***DRAFT Vision:*** *Seattle Foundation and The City of Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment envision a community focused process that includes the voices of Tribes and Native leaders who live and work across the city. We hope to support emerging ideas, new programs, technical assistance, and a variety of climate strategies that center native communities and leadership.*

Executive Committee Updates



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Draft GNDOB Workplan



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Workplan Context

- The Board is required to have an up-to-date workplan, per [Ordinance 125926](#)
- The workplan will continue to evolve. Even when the Board officially adopts this workplan, the Board will work to update and refine the workplan based on current needs and conditions.
- The workplan projects came from the priorities the Board named at your 2024 retreat + Board duties outlined in the legislation that convenes the Board.
- We are currently focused on content. Formatting to come. For example, we will include a visual timeline like a Gantt chart and will number projects and tasks once we've solidified content. We will make deadlines and key dates in City government processes very clear. We will also clearly denote when the Board has more capacity to explore items of interest.
- We will likely input this into a project management tool for the Board to track progress, in addition to a public facing version of the workplan.
- We are using a 3-year timeline to support incoming and outgoing Board members and better coordination with the City.



PPP Committee Updates



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Budget Recommendation Time

- Deadline to adopt recommendations is **May 19**
- Second year of a budget biennium
- PPP Committee will be gathering input & feedback from the full Board throughout the process



Tentative Budget Recommendation Process & Timeline

UNTIL APRIL 1

Research period

- Share your ideas with PPP Comm

APRIL 1-7

Feedback on proposals

- PPP Comm will share ideas so far for Board feedback

APRIL 7

Deadline for proposals

- Last day for new proposal ideas

APRIL 21-MAY 2

2nd Feedback period

- PPP to share new draft of recs for Board review

MAY 14

Final Review

- Last chance for Board to provide feedback on draft budget recommendations

MAY 19

Board Meeting

- Vote on budget recommendations



Letter from MLK Labor

Dear Green New Deal Oversight Board,

Greetings from MLK Labor! Thank you for your great partnership bringing forward the stories of how workers have been impacted by extreme weather. We are excited about Mayor Harrell's Executive Order calling for a Climate Action Plan focused on how our city needs to adapt to climate change-driven extreme weather events, and we look forward to continuing to partner with the Green New Deal Oversight Board on this important project.

We are writing to ask the Board for its support for another exciting, emerging strategy to address the climate crisis while also providing a better future for workers.

At our February 2025 Delegate Meeting, we passed the attached [resolution](#) calling on the City and other local governments to partner with the Cement Masons Union and local companies to do pilot projects with low-carbon concrete. Concrete is a large source of CO2 emissions and low-carbon concrete could be a game changer, particularly if its use can benefit workers.

Would the Green New Deal Oversight Board consider sending a letter to Mayor Harrell and the Seattle City Council expressing the Green New Deal Oversight Board's support for this effort?

Thank you for all that you do.

In Solidarity,

Katie Garrow - Executive Secretary-Treasurer, MLK Labor

Shaunie Wheeler-James - Deputy Executive Secretary-Treasurer, MLK Labor

Draft Letter of Support

Low Carbon Concrete

Dear Mayor Harrell and Members of the Seattle City Council,

On behalf of the Green New Deal Oversight Board, we are writing to communicate our support for a proposal from MLK Labor for the City of Seattle to do some pilot projects that use low-carbon concrete.

Concrete is used in virtually all City projects and is a very large source of CO2 emissions. We are fortunate that Seattle is a hub for emerging low-carbon concrete technology. We support the use of these materials in appropriate pilot projects where the existing local labor systems can remain the same including crew make up, ready mix plant work, and transportation.

It is our understanding that non-load bearing applications are good candidates for pilot projects. We support the expansion of sidewalks in District 5 and that is one possible site for pilot projects. There may be other suitable locations for pilot projects.

The Green New Deal Oversight Board would be interested in sending a representative to any advisory group that may form to help design and evaluate the pilot project.

Sincerely,