



# Green New Deal Oversight Board Meeting

December 2, 2024



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# Staff Updates



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# Rescheduling January and February Board Meetings

## January

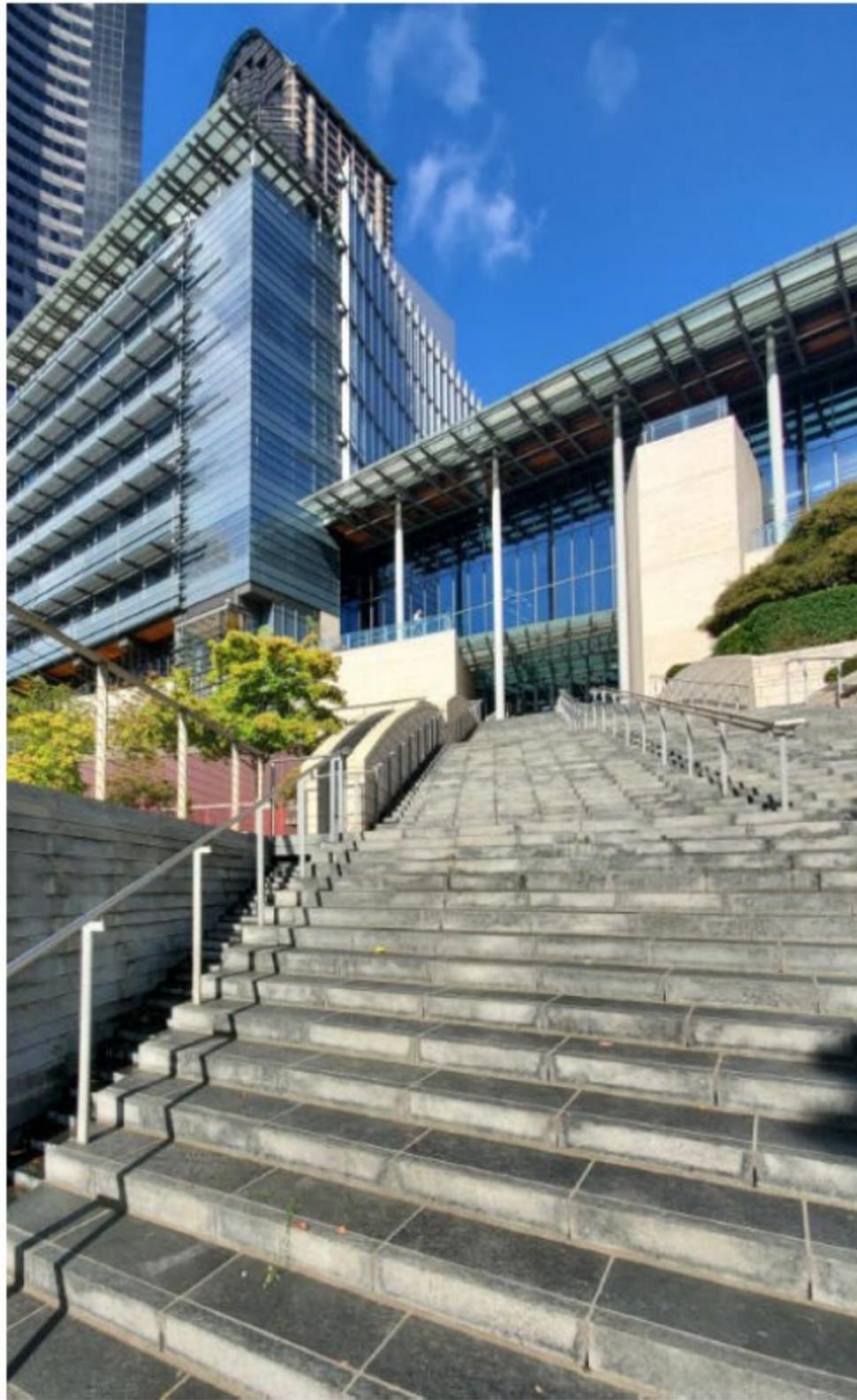
*5-7pm on Zoom*

- Option A: Jan 13
- Option B: Jan 27

## February

*5-7pm on Zoom*

- Option A: Feb 10
- Option B: Feb 24



**THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND  
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL**

invite you to attend the



**2024 Boards and Commissions  
Appreciation Reception**

Friday, December 6, 2024

4:30-6:30pm

Seattle City Hall/ Bertha Knight Landes  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

*Live Entertainment*

*Guest Speakers*

*Appetizers and Refreshments*

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# Seattle Clean Buildings Accelerator: Multifamily Webinar on December 17 at 9:30am

- Multifamily requirements and timeline for Seattle BEPS and WA CBPS
- Energy and emissions benchmarking
- Buildings emissions basics
- Tenant engagement
- Funding and incentives

[Register here](#)

Questions? Email: [cleanbuildings@seattle.gov](mailto:cleanbuildings@seattle.gov)

# Community Assemblies Process Update

- Deep in the data analysis phase
- January's Board meeting will include a briefing & discussion to inform the forthcoming report
- Recent [Public News Service](#) article highlighting the MLK Labor Assembly and are working on getting the word out through OSE's blog and Urban League's communications channels.
- Feel free to amplify!



# Call for Support: Recruiting for New Board Members!

## 7 Open Seats

- 1 Tribal Representative (Ken Workman)
- 1 EJ Organization Rep (Debolina Banerjee)
- 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 EJ Org (Eunice How) – Board appointed
- 1 Labor Union Rep (Peter Hasegawa)
- 1 Emissions Reduction (Nina Olivier) – Board appointed

- We will be rolling out recruitment information and materials in the new year
- Will likely include an application and interview process

### Calls for support:

- Please start reaching out to your networks to garner interest
- Let staff know if you want to be involved with the application review and/or interview processes



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## Draft Themes from the 2024 GNDOB Retreat

# How have Seattle's frontline communities benefitted from the GND?



**Promote climate resilience and protect health in frontline communities:** Invest in proven Indigenous and community-led solutions that build social cohesion, increase public safety, and protect health and livelihoods at the scale needed to keep up with the pace of our changing climate. Implementing community-scale interventions that protect against extreme temperatures, wildfire smoke, flooding, and other hazards will ensure progress toward making sure every member of a frontline community is equipped to adapt to climate change.



**Decarbonize housing while preventing displacement:** Create and expand programs to decarbonize housing while ensuring all residents, regardless of income, can live in safe, affordable, efficient, and healthy homes. This includes single-family and large-scale, multi-family residences for renters and homeowners alike. Decarbonization strategies have the power to reduce emissions citywide and make homes more resilient to our changing climate.



**Leverage federal & state dollars for green infrastructure:** We are at a pivotal moment in the environmental funding landscape where our state and federal governments recognize the need to make deep investments in green technologies and infrastructure to mitigate and protect against the most harmful effects of climate change. Continue to invest City funds in order to maximize the potential for large contributions from federal and state governments that advance a Green New Deal for Seattle.



**Develop our green and regenerative economy:** The demand for climate-conscious technologies and green solutions continues to soar year after year. Investments in new market sectors in the green and circular economies now will pay off for generations to come.



**Develop our workforce:** Invest in workforce development for those underrepresented in the trades to ensure that there is sufficient supply of well-trained workers in the high-road jobs needed to achieve Seattle's climate goals while also paving the way for economic opportunities and generational wealth.



**Advance environmental justice:** To uphold the City's value of advancing racial and social justice, the City must work at the intersection of addressing environmental hazards and past racialized planning practices. This includes eliminating pollution starting in communities who are most overburdened by toxic waste as well as just and equitable climate action planning and investments that prioritize frontline communities.

- **2050:** What would need to happen by 2040 to achieve these goals?
  - What is in the purview/control of the City? How could the Board contribute?
- **2040:** What would need to happen by 2040 to achieve these goals?
  - What is in the purview/control of the City? How could the Board contribute?
- **2030:** What can the Board do by 2030 in service of these goals?
- **2025:** What can the Board do in the next year (2025) in service of these goals? What are the first steps to achieve your 2050 vision?

# Your Ideas for Working Better Together

- More 1:1 connections and check ins among Board members
- Join conversations with other organizations
- 2 hours isn't enough for getting to know each other – how else can the members foster relationships?
- How can the 2025 Priorities be divided between committees (PPP & community engagement)?
- Take Rachel up on her offer of an annual field trip for Board members!
- Communications documents for the board to disseminate information.
- A Green New Deal Summit
- Mapping influence to see visual connections to engage effectively
- More communication between Board members like sending emails out or sharing wins, events, etc - via email
- Going to events or having tabling materials at different events
- Tap into social accounts of OSE and create a GND newsletter
- Continue to build out data resources
- Create a calendar for major City decisions

# 2050 Vision for the GND



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# Draft Visions for 2050

- Equitable access to resources
- Good health outcomes – healthy, housed, stable communities
- Resilience and safety nets for frontline communities
- Affordability
- De-silo and collaboration
- Frontline communities making decisions & holding power
- Green Urbanism; nature in urban spaces; beautiful thriving environments everywhere; you can hear birds in the city; daylighting streams, clean water, urban farms
- People & planet over profit
- Shrink wealth gap

# Draft Visions for 2050

- Green New Deal is achieved
- Every job is a climate job
- Implementation of a climate focused high school
- Affordable, green, and workforce housing for all – in every stage and circumstance of life
- I-5 is replaced with electric, clean transportation system
- Water action plan implemented
- Circular economy achieved
- Unionized green jobs
- Decarbonize our city – no more fossil fuels
- Healthcare is free and within 10-15 minutes for everyone

# Draft Visions for 2050

- Prep for climate migration
- Basic needs are met
- Culturally diverse across the city
- Consume less
- 4 seasons!
- Land back – abused / non-used land is bought (or donated) to communities & restored
- Free public transit throughout the city & across water
- Free and quality education for all
- Universal Basic Income
- 24 hour work weeks
- Quality products that are maintained properly
- Offshore wind and robust supply chain

# 2040 Vision for a GND



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# Draft Visions for 2040

- Lots of green construction
- Investments on the way
- Centering frontline communities

# 2030 Vision for a GND

# Draft Visions for 2030

- After asset mapping of ecosystems, plan for restoration projects, and set a goal/timeline. Then, create regional greenspace through zoning requirement, code, and new construction projects.
- Database for the people
- Resilience hub navigators
- Work of community orgs is valued
- Strategic community engagement is valued and practiced
- 1% equity fund for capital projects
- Labor, climate justice orgs, and frontline communities work together to win \_\_\_\_\_.

# 2025 Vision for a GND



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# Looking for your feedback

1. Do these priorities seem feasible to accomplish in 2025-2026?
2. What's missing?
3. What may not be needed?
4. What general questions do you have? What do you wonder? Any comments?
5. What would you like staff and the Executive Committee to keep in mind as we work together to draft a workplan proposal for the Board?

# Priority: Coalition building & community education

## DRAFT ACTIONS:

- Continue community assemblies
- Develop GND comms/content and educational materials
- Partner with UW EarthLab to plan & identify scientists, researchers and community-based orgs for integrated sharing of information. Build up to quarterly information sharing forums and assemblies.
- Create a conference or symposium to bring people together, for “people on the same team to be on the same team” and build relationships, understanding, alignment, and capacity.
- Expand network to include orgs that do not traditionally focus on the environment, yet serve and support frontline communities (e.g. faith-based orgs, orgs supporting BIPOC communities, orgs supporting those living houseless, etc.)

- **LEAD: Community Engagement Committee**

# Priority: Define and create a clear vision for Seattle's GND

## DRAFT ACTIONS:

- Advise the City on what should be prioritized throughout GND implementation
- Collaboration between GNDOB and the City, with feedback and input from community (e.g., community assemblies)
- **LEAD: Executive Committee, but will be tapping in the full Board**

# Priority: Support the development and maintenance of data baselines

## DRAFT ACTIONS:

- Create a GND tracking dashboard, with guidance and oversight from the Board and community to make visible the progress, or lack thereof, toward the City's climate goals.
- Create a “reverse wedge” analysis to depict the impact of solutions
  
- **LEAD: PPP Committee**

# Priority: Push for increasing PET or creating another progressive revenue stream

## DRAFT ACTION:

- Begin planning for how to do this, and push it forward
  - **Looking for more detail about what this action could look like**
- **LEAD: PPP Committee**

# Priority: Rapid response to emergent needs

**DRAFT ACTION:** Write letters, hold/attend meetings, etc. in response to emergent needs that directly impact or shape Seattle's GND implementation.

- Previous examples: Providing comment and recommendations on Seattle's Draft Comp Plan, Transportation Levy Proposal, and Energy Code
- **LEADS: Executive Committee, with PPP Committee as support**

# Priority: Continue learning & relationship building opportunities for the Board

## DRAFT ACTIONS:

- Annual retreat
- Lunch & learns
- Field trip with Rachel!
- Attending and/or amplifying one another's events
  
- **LEAD: All Board members, as appropriate**

# Priority: Recruit and onboard new Board members

## DRAFT ACTIONS:

- All Board members to recruit
- 2-4 Board members to participate in the application review and interview processes
- All Board members to welcome and support the onboarding process of new Board members

**LEADS: 2-4 Board members & staff (as advisors to appointing authorities)**

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