



**City of Seattle
Seattle Renters' Commission**

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2025

10:00 - 4:30pm

Meeting Room at Capitol Hill Branch – Seattle Public Library

Purpose: The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) was established to represent the interest of renters located in Seattle, to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on public policy matters of importance to renters citywide.

Commissioners in attendance: Kate Rubin, Kasey Burton, Lydia Felty, Allan Francis, Adora Blue, Liz Fite, Sally Kinney, Sam Wolfson, Karen Taylor, Andrew Ashiofu, and Julissa Sanchez

Commissioners not in attendance: Agni Bhattacharya, Angela O'Brien, and Daniel Lugo

City Staff in attendance: Laura Jenkins from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Quorum: Yes

Public Comment: No

Transcriber's note: These minutes provide a summary of key points discussed.

Welcome and Settling In

Approval of the Agenda (11/2) and vote on possible collaboration for the documentary screening of Evicting the American Dream on November 7th

Agenda approved. Commissioners voted to co-sponsor the November 7 documentary screening of Evicting the American Dream. They will share about the event via their e-newsletter and social media.

Public Comment

No public comment.

WHO/WHY - Introductions & Grounding Activity

The commission went through the agreements and agenda for the day along with the land and labor acknowledgement. Mariela Barriga, the facilitator for the day, led the group in introductions.

WHO - Defining the SRC -- who are we, what is our purpose, and how do we do it?

The commissioners wrote down their reflections about the commission, thoughts on current documents used by the commission (onboarding documents, etc.), and ideas for visioning what the commission could look like.

WHAT - Priorities & Goal Setting

The commission brainstormed around possible committees and goals looking at the current state and desired state of the commission. They focused on potential committees related to the topics of outreach

and engagement, advocacy and policy, operations/governance, partnerships and relationships, and Seattle Social Housing Developer Board.

One of the members will reach out to other commissioners to put together a list of organizations that commissioners are connected to.

HOW - Game Plan: Turning goals into a work plan, developing committees, etc.

The commission voted in favor of establishing two workgroups that would operate prior to the finalization of the drafted work plan. The two workgroups are listed below. Commissioner Kasey Burton abstained from voting to establish the Seattle Social Housing Developer Board Appointments Workgroup.

- A Bylaws Workgroup to propose updates to bylaws which may include:
 - Updates to the leadership model of the commission
 - Agenda creation
 - Representation at meetings
 - Decision-making
 - Sustainability – continued knowledge sharing
 - Shared leadership/power
 - Executive Committee
 - Committee involvement
 - Length of term serving on committees
- Seattle Social Housing Developer Board Appointments Workgroup to create a process, recruitment, screening process, interviews, selection, etc.
 - The Workgroup would come forward with two proposed candidates and a pool of people for future appointments.
 - A final vote on the appointments to fill two current vacancies would happen at the January 2026 Renters' Commission meeting.

ACT! - First committee meetings, share out, conclude!

The commission discussed next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Decisions and Votes made during this meeting:

1. Establishment of two workgroups:
 - A Bylaws Workgroup
 - Seattle Social Housing Developer Board Appointments Workgroup