



City of Seattle
Seattle Renters' Commission

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2026

6:00 - 7:00pm

Webex Meeting and Seattle City Hall Room 370

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, Allan Francis, Sam Wolfson, Lydia Felty, Liz Fite, Elisabeth Benham, Alanna Diggs Andrew Ashiofu, Karen Taylor

Commissioners not in attendance: Julissa Sanchez, Adora Blue, Daniel Lugo, Sasha Wasserstrom, Agni Bhattacharya

City Staff in attendance: Laura Jenkins from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Prithy Korathu from Seattle Office of Housing

Quorum: Yes

Public Comment: No

Transcriber's note: These minutes provide a summary of key points discussed. A full recording is available upon request.

Welcome

Meeting opened with a roll call of commissioners present and land and labor acknowledgments. New commissioners introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda (6/10) and Public Comment

6/10 Agenda approved. No public comment.

Presentation by the Seattle Office of Housing about Proposed Director's Rule for the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE), discussion, and possible vote

Prithy Korathu from the Seattle Office of Housing (OH) provided a presentation about the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program especially in relation to changes in Program 7 (which took effect in November 2025). OH published the first version of the Director's Rule related to Program 7 in March. Prithy outlined parts of a new draft Director's Rule which includes clarifications related to items in Program 7:

- proportional distribution and general distribution of MFTE units,
- set-aside minimums for MFTE units,
- excluding premium units, and
- size and functionality

Prithy wrapped up the presentation and asked the commission for comments or questions. Commissioners mentioned in September 2025, the Seattle Renters' Commission wrote [a letter](#) opposing the proposed Program 7 reauthorization plan. Commissioners asked clarification questions about some of the topics Prithy shared.

Commissioners shared feedback with themes related to renters in MFTE already rent-burdened, the need for more family housing, and that clumping units together in a building feels like segregation.

Prithy said if people have additional comments, they can send them to OFH_MFTE@seattle.gov. An anticipated timeline is that the updated draft Director's Rule may be issued in the next month or two. Prithy will keep the commission updated when the draft is issued.

The Renters' Commission voted on and approved making a collective comment that states the percentage of additional premium units should be maximum 10%, family units should be required if developers choose the 20% of the building MFTE option, and the commission opposes clustering MFTE units. There was one abstention. The Advocacy & Policy Committee will follow up with next steps on this statement.

Commissioner asked about what community outreach has been done by OH on this topic. Outreach to community has been limited.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Decisions and Votes made during this meeting

1. Approved making a collective comment that states the percentage of additional premium units should be maximum 10%, family units should be required if developers choose the 20% of the building MFTE option, and the commission opposes clustering MFTE units.