



City of Seattle
Seattle Renters' Commission

SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

4:00 - 5:30pm

Webex Meeting and Seattle City Hall, Tahoma Meeting Room

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, Karen Taylor, Adora Blue, Daniel Lugo

Commissioners not in attendance: Alanna Diggs, Julissa Sanchez, Sasha Wasserstrom, Andrew Ashiofu, Agni Bhattacharya, Elisabeth Benham

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. 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 (7/20) and Public Comment

7/20 Agenda approved. No public comment.

Training for Commissioners by nikkita oliver about Hosting Listening Sessions

nikkita oliver provided tips about facilitating Community Listening Posts to help amplify renter power especially through storytelling. They engaged the Seattle Renters' Commission with questions to start the conversation to learn more about what hosting a Community Listening Post could provide for the community and the commission.

nikkita defined Community Listening Posts (CLPs), a facilitated discussion designed to identify community needs and co-create solutions, and discussed the model and the goal of CLPs. They emphasized the importance of preparation in advance of the event as well as follow-up/a report shared with attendees and communities after a CLP.

Throughout the presentation, nikkita mentioned considerations for hosting CLPs and events including logistics, accessibility, and roles. They also provided examples of best practices, community agreements, structuring the conversation, and tips for listening well as an observer.

nikkita introduced the idea of a Hypothesis Tracker which “is a practical tool that links qualitative community feedback directly to actionable policy recommendations.”

Commissioners asked questions and provided thoughts throughout the presentation related to when to host listening sessions and how they may incorporate what they learned in sessions hosted by commissioners.

Possible Discussion of Council Amendments to Junk Fees Bill (if available) and Possible Vote

The commission voted on and approved supporting an anticipated amendment to the Junk Fees Ban legislation that would prohibit mandatory bundling and the commission voted to allow any commissioner to testify about it in public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Decisions and Votes made during this meeting

1. Approved support of an anticipated amendment to the Junk Fees Ban legislation that would prohibit mandatory bundling and approved allowing any commissioner to testify about it in public comment.