

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING SUMMARY	<p>Date: January 22, 2024</p> <p>Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Location: Zoom</p>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Emily Meyers, Steve Gelb, Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Nina Olivier, Andrea Ornelas, and Peter Hasegawa,
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rachel Heaton, Keith Weir, Jess Wallace, and Ken Workman
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Lylianna Allala (OSE), Rebecca Zaragoza (OSE), Danielle Friedman (DON), Duane Jonlin (SDCI)

DECISIONS MADE	<i>No decisions were made because the Board did not meet quorum.</i>
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Email Board appointment information to the Board.	Elise	January
2	Email onboarding discussion follow up.	Elise	January
3	Approve November 2023 Meeting Minutes in February	GNDOB	February Meeting

MEETING NOTES

Nina Olivier, Peter Hasegawa, and Debolina Banerjee (GNDOB Executive Committee members) and Elise Rasmussen (Climate and Environmental Justice Associate at OSE) facilitated the meeting. Notes taken by Sara Cubillos (Climate Justice Advisor at OSE) and Rebecca Zaragoza (Climate and Environmental Justice Graduate Intern at OSE).

LAND AND LEGACY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT + WELCOME

Peter started the meeting, facilitated Board member introductions, reviewed the meeting agenda, and provided a land and legacy acknowledgement.

APPROVING MEETING MINUTES

The Board did not have quorum. Approval of the November meeting minutes will be moved to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Tyr Bernard** joined to follow along with the meeting and learn about the Board's work.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Elise** provided staff updates and announcements relevant to the GNDOB.
- **Rebecca** introduced herself to the Board as the OSE's new graduate student intern who will be supporting the Board's community engagement and communications work.
- GNDOB Appointments
 - **Elise** stated that the Mayor has decided to appoint all new Board members to have new voices and perspectives represented on the Board. Elise also shared that she would communicate with the Board as we get additional updates on when Council can review applicants.

ONBOARDING DISCUSSION: SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE ONBOARDING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- **Elise** shared that we will need to onboard incoming Board members and wanted to hear from Board members about what should be included in the onboarding process and curriculum.
- Ideas for onboarding from staff:
 - 1:1s with staff and Board members
 - Providing a reading list of foundational documents
 - Welcome activities at first Board meeting to begin to build relationships
 - GNDOB Orientation Session(s) to learn more about roles and responsibilities and Board functions and priorities.
- Discussion:
 - **Andrea** suggested meeting in person to ease the transition and get to know each other better. Board members acknowledged that a full in-person meeting may not be entirely possible, but they could be flexible with hybrid options.
 - **Steve** suggested getting a clear idea of what the new Board members are interested in and involve them in committee work early on.
 - **Nina** suggested presenting an overview of GNDOB's work plan, presenting on how to use the Board's SharePoint site, making a list with Board members' contact information, and sharing previous comment letters from the Board.

- **Debolina** suggested that it might also be helpful to discuss the culture and history of the Board and get feedback from members on how they perceive the culture to help ground future Board members.
- **Peter** expressed support for an in person meeting to welcome new members, but open to zoom as well if that's the only option to accommodate everyone.
- **Elise** said she will follow up on this discussion via email and encouraged everyone to reach out if they have further questions and suggestions.

UPDATE: COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES FOR A GREEN NEW DEAL

Elise shared an update on Community Assemblies. A Community Assembly is an engagement strategy that the Board has decided to use to have in-depth discussions and problem-solving sessions with community members and workers to shape and inform Board priorities and provide critical feedback on the draft Seattle Comprehensive Plan.



Community Assembly Team Roles & Responsibilities (full slide deck in meeting materials)

- Community assembly goals may include:
 - Informing the draft climate element of Seattle's comprehensive plan
 - Gathering community input and feedback on the GND
 - Offering trainings for staff and partners on the concept of community assemblies
 - Offering community education on the GND and the OB
 - Evaluating the effectiveness of community assemblies
 - Advancing equitable contracting and building relationships with organizations on the ground

- Next Steps for community assemblies include:
 - Holding a kickoff meeting with all partners in early February.
 - Drafting an engagement plan by early March.
 - Conducting community assembly trainings in March/April (these will be led by People's Economy Lab)
 - Conducting outreach for community assembly meetings in March-May
- Discussion:
 - **Peter** offered to discuss ideas on how to align or aim the engagement in a certain way depending on the communities the Board is trying to connect with.
 - **Debolina** asked about different engagement processes that are happening simultaneously and how those overlap or align.
 - **Sara** explained that the timelines are different but will sync up well for the overall GND and resilience hubs strategies, and the topics align well.
 - In response to a public comment asking for clarification around engagement, **Elise** explained that engagement in this work involves partnering with community organizations to connect and engage with frontline community members/residents to collaborate on the different planning and policy processes within the city. Community assemblies are different from listening sessions -- they are designed to problem-solve climate and environmental justice issues alongside community members.
 - **Debolina** stated that the Board is using outreach and engagement separately, not interchangeably. Outreach is used to share information and begin making connections with community members, while engagement is used to build collaboration for decision-making.

PRESENTATION: PAYROLL EXPENSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Danielle Friedman (Department of Neighborhoods) presented to the GNDOB on the Payroll Expense Tax Oversight Committee. This is a new committee for Payroll Expense Tax oversight, also referred to as the "JumpStart Tax." Key points in the presentation include:

- This JumpStart Tax applies to businesses exceeding \$8 million per year in payroll expenses. The tax applied to these businesses will be used to fund economic recovery on the following items:
 - Housing
 - Small Businesses
 - Green New Deal
 - Equitable Development Initiative

- The committee will be grounded in equity, race, and social justice, and will coordinate with the GND Oversight Board and others. The committee will provide oversight on the services and programs supported by the payroll tax, and its impact on the City's economy.
- The committee will eventually include 9 members once the Mayor makes his appointments.
- Discussion:
 - **Danielle** confirmed that there will be a lot of opportunities for collaboration with the GND OB.
 - **Peter** asked if the tax revenue will support the budget shortfalls of the City. **Danielle** stated that they want to make sure that the tax revenue is going where it was originally allocated for and wanted to enforce protecting the integrity of this tax.

PRESENTATION: PROPOSED UPDATES TO SEATTLE'S ENERGY CODE

Duane Jonlin (Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections) presented to the GND OB on the proposed updates to Seattle's energy code. Key points in the presentation include:

- The energy code impacts new construction projects, including commercial buildings, but not single-family or townhouses. The goal for this work is to make buildings last a long time and be efficient.
- The strategy includes eliminating on-site combustion, optimizing efficiency, on-site solar and storage, and off-site renewables.
- While there are regulations, there are also incentives to meet those regulations.
- The City is building equity into its work buildings decarbonization work which will contribute to efficiency, electrification, and reduced usage for buildings that are under-resourced.
- These proposed changes are receiving pushback from the gas industry, developers, and manufacturers.
- Affordable housing, hospitals, non-profit and smaller buildings may be exempt from replacing their central heating system with a heat pump but are required to develop a Future Decarbonization Plan that can be submitted for future funding requests.
- The City's electric system can handle complete decarbonization.
- **Peter** asked about how climate resilience is considered in the Energy Code. **Duane** responded that these changes would improve the resilience of buildings.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.