

Green New Deal Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 11/20/2023
	Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
	Location: Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tomás Madrigal, Emily Meyers, Steve Gelb, Debolina Banerjee, Matt Remle, Ken Workman, Nina Olivier, Maria Batayola, Jess Wallach, Keith Weir, Andrea Ornelas, and Eunice How
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rachel Heaton, Peter Hasegawa, and Ken Workman
GUESTS:	Elise Rasmussen (OSE), Sara Cubillos (OSE), Sandra Mallory (OSE), Lylianna Allala (OSE), Amy Fowler (OSE), and Michelle Caulfield (OSE)

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADOPTED: September 2023 meeting minutes. ADOPTED: October 2023 meeting minutes. APPROVED: Granting the Executive Committee and select members the authority to appoint the vacant Board-appointed seat. APPROVED: Board members to testify in support of BEPS at upcoming Council hearings. APPROVED: Community Engagement Committee recommendations focused on standing up community assemblies for a Green New Deal.
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Testifying in support of BEPS	Select GNDOB members	November-December
2	Appoint new member to vacant Board-appointed seat	Executive Committee + Select GNDOB members	Early 2024
3	Implement Community Engagement Committee’s recommendations	Community Engagement Committee + OSE staff	Ongoing throughout 2024
4	Hold regular PPP Committee Meetings and Lunch and Learns	PPP Committee + OSE staff	Ongoing throughout 2024

MEETING NOTES

Nina Olivier 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).

WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

Debolina Banerjee started the meeting, facilitated Board introductions, reviewed the meeting agenda, and provided a land and legacy acknowledgement. Debolina also noted some adjustments made to the land acknowledgement language based on language from the Coalition of Communities of Color.

APPROVING MEETING MINUTES

VOTE: Keith Weir moved to approve the September 2023 minutes. Andrea Ornelas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the September 2023 minutes.

VOTE: Jess Wallach moved to approve the October 2023 minutes. Matt Remle seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the October 2023 minutes.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two Climate Justice Interns will join OSE's Climate Justice Team starting in early to mid-January.
- Board Stipend Invoices are due by December 8th. If you would like to receive a stipend for the second half of the year, please contact Elise for further instructions.
- Please remember to sign up to receive access to the GND Oversight Board Share Point where the Oversight Board can share files with one another.
- Garfield High School Human Geography Teacher has emailed to ask if there is an Oversight Board member able to be a classroom guest speaker.
- Board meetings will be rescheduled to January 22nd and February 26th because of the holidays.
- End of Year Celebration is scheduled for December 13th.
- Elise Rasmussen provided an update on the Board appointments process and asked the Board to decide how they would like to move forward with confirming the vacant Board appointed seat. The Board had a short discussion of how they would like to make that appointment and decided that the Executive Committee and Jess Wallach and Matt Remle would work together to appoint that candidate.

VOTE: Emily Myers moved to grant authority to the Executive Committee and select Board members to finalize the Board appointment decision. Keith Weir seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tyr Bernard - signed up for public comment: Tyr introduced themselves and joined the meeting to understand how the Board functions and to connect with Board members and Board work. Tyr has ideas on sustainability and is interested in seeing how the Board may be able to support similar work being done by local organizations.

UPDATE: BUILDING EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Sandra Mallory provided updates on the Building Emissions Performance Standards (BEPS) Policy:

- Mayor Harrell has transmitted BEPS formally to Seattle City Council.
- City Council has a special Committee on Climate Action to review the legislation and there will be multiple opportunities for public comment on the proposed legislation.
- Sandra Mallory shared she appreciated all the work and support the board has contributed to this proposed legislation.
- Note on the major changes in the legislation since the last meeting with the Oversight Board. The new penalties are the following:
 - o \$10/sq. ft. for non-residential buildings (3 compliance intervals)
 - o \$7.50/sq. ft. for multi-family buildings (4 compliance intervals)
 - o No changes to low-income housing and low-rent housing.

- Revenue has been refined to clearly state that a minimum of 40% of the revenue will be used to support buildings that serve frontline communities which is in alignment with the White House's Justice 40 standard.
- Every 5 years there will be a BEPS impact report delivered to the Council and will also take into consideration new and emerging technologies.

Board Member BEPS-Related Questions/Comments:

Steve Gelb: Asked for clarification that a minimum of 40% of the revenue generated from the legislation would go to support underresourced buildings with building upgrades. **Sandra Mallory** confirmed that was true and added that the Building Accelerator program supports building owners, especially owners of buildings that serve frontline communities.

Matt Remle: Asked for talking points that can be sent out for Board members who want to advocate. **Sandra Mallory** replied that a support document has just been completed and will be sent to the Board. **Steve Gelb, Matt Remle, and Jess Wallach** agree the Board should participate in the BEPS hearings.

Debolina Banerjee asked about when compliance targets are scheduled. **Sandra Mallory** said they are on a 5-year compliance target. The first deadline is for larger buildings, and it's scheduled for 2027-2030. The first greenhouse gas emissions targets start in 2031-2035. Non-residential buildings would have net-zero emissions between 2041-2045 and multi-family buildings would have until 2046-2050.

Steve Gelb asked the Board how they will organize themselves to provide public comment and show support for the legislation. **Matt Remle, Keith Weir, Jess Wallach,** and **Andrea Ornelas** supported the idea to have a representative from the Board to go to the Council for these hearings. **Sandra Mallory** shared that Council would appreciate hearing from the Oversight Board and understands that Board has supported and participated in the creation of the legislation. **Steve Gelb** added that it may be good to have multiple ways to show the Board's support for BEPS (e.g., a press release). **Sandra Mallory** replied that the Board could show your support in multiple ways and added that there will be an op-ed coming out about the legislation. **Tomás Madrigal** agreed and added that it should be a regular practice for any draft Board statements to be reviewed by the rest of the Board. **Nina Olivier** will be available to attend the hearing on behalf of the Board's Executive Committee.

VOTE: **Steve Gelb moved** to have Board representatives join the hearings and testify in support of BEPS. **Nina Olivier seconded** the motion.

Steve Gelb proposed an amendment to his motion to have the Board approve of a statement. **Matt Remle seconded** the amendment. **The Board unanimously approved.**

WORKPLAN PROGRESS TO DATE

- The Board Appointments and reappointments processes are underway.
- The planning for Community Engagement is underway.
- Information gathering has begun for the Board Functions and Capacity priority and the Board Recommendations priority of the workplan. The Board's first Lunch and Learn was held earlier this month focused on the City's draft Workforce Development recommendations.
- The Policies, Projects, Programs Committee held their first meeting earlier in November.

- Indigenous sustainability projects are moving forward and we are in the middle of scheduling tribal consultations. OSE staff have done tribal consultation with the Snoqualmie Tribe.
- **Steve Gelb** highlighted the importance of prioritizing meeting with new Council members to share more about the Green New Deal and the Board's work.

UPDATE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Elise Rasmussen and **Eunice How** provided an update on the work happening to engage communities on the Green New Deal through community assemblies throughout 2024. The Board has contracted with the People's Economy Lab who will provide technical assistance and support for the planning and implementation of community assemblies. They will also gather information and key findings from assemblies in a final report.

The Community Engagement Committee will also reach out to labor unions and community-based organizations for potential anchor/host organizations for community assemblies.

Steve Gelb asked what the main goals are for this process and what questions we will be asking of the community. **Elise Rasmussen** replied that the goals are to provide community education opportunities about Seattle's Green New Deal, have in-depth conversations about possible Green New Deal priorities, and gather feedback focused on the draft climate element of the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan.

Steve Gelb also asked for clarification on what we would like to hear from labor unions, or if the goal was to hear more from workers. **Eunice How** replied that we would like to engage workers and we are working with unions to promote participation in the community assemblies by their rank-and-file members.

VOTE: Maria Batayola moved to approve the recommendations of the Community Engagement Committee. **Nina seconded** the motion. **The Board unanimously approved.**

UPDATE: POLICY, PROJECTS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Elise Rasmussen provided an update on the Policy, Projects, and Programs (PPP) Committee. The PPP Committee held their first meeting earlier in November that focused on how the group would like to function and their desired focus areas. They also held their first lunch and learn focused on the City's draft Workforce Development Recommendations. The PPP Committee plans to: continue with monthly Lunch and Learns on GND-related topics, read through foundational GND-related topics, create a process to identify specific policies, projects, and programs to track, create parameters to assess opportunities to advance a Green New Deal, revisit their committee charter and amend it as needed, and identify ways to share information and proposals with the full Board. Elise also shared more information about upcoming Lunch and Learn topics and reviewed the process for Board members to request additional Lunch and Learn topics.

DISCUSSION: SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE ONBOARDING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board did not have adequate time for this agenda item. Elise will send a follow up email to get feedback for onboarding.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

VOTE: Keith Weir moves to adjourn, and Nina seconds the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.