

Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board (CAB)

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: December 12, 2025
	Time: 11am – 2pm
	Location: 3401 Rainier Avenue South - Suite A, Seattle, WA 98144.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tanika Thompson Bird, Angie S. Wood, Yamila Sterling, Jen Moss, Dan Torres, Laura Nicholson, Barbara Baquero
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Barbara Rockey, Joey Lu, Nurhazila Mohamath, Bilan Aden
VACANT SEATS:	None
GUESTS:	Bridget Igoe, Office of Sustainability & Environment (OSE) Sean Walsh, Human Services Department Dujie Tahat, Seattle's Civic Poet
DECISIONS AND NEXT STEPS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CAB approved its updated bylaws with the changes noted. 2. The CAB discussed further edits to its draft vision and values (updated). The CAB will review a fresh draft in January 2026. 3. The CAB discussed, finalized, and approved for upload online its 2026 workplan. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Here is the draft version that was discussed in the meeting b. Here is the clean version (edits incorporated) that is now available on the CAB webpage.

Welcome and Introductions

No public comment.

T. Thompson Bird, CAB Co-Chair, opened the meeting, facilitated introductions, and reviewed the agenda.

Salonshop with Dujie Tahat, Seattle's Civic Poet 2025-26

The CAB spent some time reading a handful of poems Dujie prepared and then discussed what about the poems work and/or doesn't work, focusing on the language and experience of the language.

Discussion then transitioned into a conversation about the language work of policy-making, interpretation, and recommendations.

Photo of Dujie Tahat facilitating a salonshop with the CAB:



Review Adopted Budget and Debrief Budget Process

After the salonshop, the CAB reviewed the details of the 2026 Adopted budget. [See meeting slides for details.](#)

This blog from City Council also summarizes what is in the 2026 Adopted Budget: [Seattle City Council Passes 2026 Budget: Summary of what's included - Seattle City Council Blog](#)

Discussion on the 2026 budget raised several priorities the CAB will want to consider advancing in 2026 such as:

- re-instating the Prenatal-to-Three Community Grant Program,
- protecting the SBT Fund investments after the removal of the non-supplantation clause:
 - [SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL - Record No: CB 121108](#)
- understanding the HSD programs that moved on the SBT Fund
- advocating for continued investment in the Fresh Bucks expansion (to avoid a benefits cliff)

CAB Discussion of Revisions to Bylaws and Vision and Values

The CAB reviewed and discussed a [revised version of its bylaws](#) and made a few additional edits. **Decision Point: After taking a red-green-yellow vote, the CAB approved the updated bylaws with the changes noted.**

The CAB reviewed and discussed a [revised version of its vision and values](#) and made further comments and edits to incorporate into the next draft. The CAB will review a revised version in January.

CAB Discussion of 2026 Work Plan

The CAB discussed, finalized, and approved for upload online its 2026 workplan.

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The meeting adjourned at 2pm.

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