

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31499

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2014 and 2015, and superseding Resolution 31349.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. Effective immediately and until further notice, the Seattle City Council's standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 31349.

Standing Committee	Committee Members	Committee Meeting Days and Times
Education and Governance	Chair: Tim Burgess Vice-Chair: Sally Bagshaw Member: Sally J. Clark Alternate: Jean Godden	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Energy	Chair: Kshama Sawant Vice-Chair: Sally J. Clark Member: Mike O'Brien Alternate: Bruce A. Harrell	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Finance and Culture	Chair: Nick Licata Vice-Chair: Jean Godden Member: Tim Burgess Alternate: Sally Bagshaw	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 2 p.m.
Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency	Chair: Sally J. Clark Vice-Chair: Tom Rasmussen Member: Kshama Sawant Alternate: Mike O'Brien	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity	Chair: Jean Godden Vice-Chair: Bruce A. Harrell Member: Tom Rasmussen Alternate: Kshama Sawant	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

Standing Committee	Committee Members	Committee Meeting Days and Times
Planning, Land Use and Sustainability	Chair: Mike O'Brien Vice-Chair: Tim Burgess Member: Nick Licata Alternate: Sally J. Clark	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 2 p.m.
Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology	Chair: Bruce A. Harrell Vice-Chair: Nick Licata Member: Sally Bagshaw Alternate: Tim Burgess	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays 2 p.m.
Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods	Chair: Sally Bagshaw Vice-Chair: Kshama Sawant Member: Bruce A. Harrell Alternate: Tom Rasmussen	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays 2 p.m.
Transportation	Chair: Tom Rasmussen Vice-Chair: Mike O'Brien Member: Jean Godden Alternate: Nick Licata	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as follows:

Education and Governance Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- education and early learning initiatives and the City's Families and Education Levy, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps among students in schools and programs throughout the City;
- regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council;

- 1 – personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining
- 2 agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours and other conditions of
- 3 employment; and
- 4 – ethics and elections.

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6 Energy Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and
7 make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 8 – Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility
- 9 rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and
- 10 alternative energy sources.

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12 Finance and Culture Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to
13 deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 14 – the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the
- 15 operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and
- 16 claims against the City (the Finance and Culture Committee is the Finance
- 17 Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- 18 – oversight of the City's public works construction projects except as otherwise
- 19 specified;
- 20 – the City Employees' Retirement System;
- 21 – the City Auditor;
- 22 – the City's fleets, facilities, and other administrative functions;
- 23 – the Customer Service Bureau; and
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- 26 – the Customer Service Bureau; and
- 27 – the Customer Service Bureau; and

- 1 – the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs and other arts and cultural activities, nightlife
2 issues, and public access television (Seattle Community Media).

3 Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency: To
4 provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on
5 legislative matters relating to:

- 6 – housing policies and programs;
7 – human services, homelessness, child care, aging, and disability services;
8 – local and regional public health;
9 – Major Institution Master Plans; and
10 – economic development policies and programs.

11 Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries, and Gender Pay Equity Committee: To provide policy
12 direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters
13 relating to:

- 14 – parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Woodland Park Zoo
15 and Seattle Aquarium);
16 – the Seattle Center;
17 – the Seattle Public Library system; and
18 – issues related to gender pay equity.

19 Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee: To provide policy direction and
20 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:
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- 1 – planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, zoning, design, and land
- 2 use regulations as well as incentive zoning and equitable transit oriented
- 3 development; and
- 4 – urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate
- 5 protection, stewardship, conservation programs, district energy, green buildings, and
- 6 food policy.
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8 Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology Committee: To provide policy direction and
9 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 10 – law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime,
- 11 domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence;
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- 13 – implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and
- 14 the City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department;
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- 16 – fire prevention and suppression;
- 17 – emergency medical services;
- 18 – criminal justice;
- 19 – coordination with municipal, regional, state and federal agencies engaged in public
- 20 safety issues;
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- 22 – civil rights issues, including immigrant and refugee affairs, and improving access to
- 23 employment and housing;
- 24 – City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable
- 25 telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning
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1 and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen
2 technology literacy and access; and

- 3 – emergency preparedness, management, and response.
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5 Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee: To provide policy direction and
6 oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 7 – water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by Seattle Public
8 Utilities (SPU), including SPU environmental services and utility rates, regional
9 water resources, endangered species recovery plans, and waterway cleanup;
10 – green stormwater infrastructure;
11 – neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, and
12 funding opportunities;
13 – urban forestry; and
14 – historic preservation.
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17 Transportation Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate
18 and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- 19 – the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and
20 – transportation issues and projects affecting the City of Seattle including transit
21 service, policies, and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic
22 control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking
23 policies; neighborhood transportation planning; freight mobility planning; pedestrian
24 and bicycle programs and planning; and coordination of transportation issues and
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1 representation of the City's interests on transportation with the federal government,
2 the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional
3 Council.

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5 **Section 3.** Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council
6 standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may
7 request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned City Council
8 committee to update City Councilmembers on the PDA's activities and share items of mutual
9 interest. The City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by
10 Executive branch staff on PDA issues.
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12 Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
13 Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency
14 Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency
15 Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee
16 Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Finance and Culture Committee
17 Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency
18 Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee
19 Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee
20 Seattle Indian Services Commission	Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency
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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2014 and 2015, and superseding Resolution 31349.

Summary of the Legislation:

This resolution establishes the committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2014 and 2015, including assignment of public development authorities to standing committees for general oversight and review.

Background:

Every two years, the City Council reorganizes itself, and establishes standing committees for the next biennium. This resolution supersedes Resolution 31349, which set the committee structure for 2012 and 2013.

Please check one of the following:

X **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

Other Implications:

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications? No
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation? None
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department? No
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? Perhaps the Council could establish committees by rule.
- e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No
- f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No
- g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No