



Meeting Minutes

Social Justice & Equity Commission

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Monday, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Vice Chair Robin Rosen-Evans, Commissioner Karin Arnold, Commissioner Parfait Bassalé, Commissioner Genevieve Chan, Commissioner Kevin Mattison, Commissioner Fauziya Mohamedali, Commissioner Marianne Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Dr. Amna Qazi and Commissioner Larry Watkinson

Excused: 2 - Chair Mark Hodgson and Commissioner Rachelle Martin

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0079](#) Approval of December 2, 2024 Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [25-0074](#) Olympia 2045 - Land Use & Urban Design Chapter Update

Senior Planner David Ginther presented the updates to the Olympia 2045 Land Use and Urban Design chapter.

The discussion was completed.

6.B [25-0081](#) Briefing on Addressing Impacts to Staff During the 2025 Budget Balancing Process

Human Resources Director Manny Bosser provided a briefing on the City's approach to reducing positions during the 2025 budget balancing process. Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.C** [25-0078](#) Approval of Social Justice & Equity Commission Applicants for Consideration by the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee

Vice Chair Rosen-Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, to forward a recommendation to approve eight applicants for consideration by the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee to fill three Social Justice & Equity Commission vacancies in 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Vice Chair Rosen-Evans, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Bassalé, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Mattison, Commissioner Mohamedali, Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Qazi and Commissioner Watkinson

Excused: 2 - Chair Hodgson and Commissioner Martin

ITEM ADDED DURING MEETING

- 6.D** [25-0123](#) Approval of Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan Economic and Natural Environment Chapters Draft Letters

The Economic Chapter Letter was amended to include an emphasis on engaging labor groups in outreach, increasing access to English as second language courses and workforce opportunities for immigrants.

Commissioner Ozmun-Wells moved, seconded by Commissioner Parfait Bassalé, to recommend approval of the Natural Environment Chapter Letter and the Economic Chapter Letter as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Vice Chair Rosen-Evans, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Bassalé, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Mattison, Commissioner Mohamedali, Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Qazi and Commissioner Watkinson

Excused: 2 - Chair Hodgson and Commissioner Martin

7. REPORTS

Commissioner Watkinson discussed potentially stepping down from Commission.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Commissioners discussed funding changes for non-profits such as World Relief.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.