



City of Seattle  
Seattle Renters' Commission

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**SEATTLE RENTERS' COMMISSION (SRC)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

January 12, 2024

6:30-7:45 PM

Webex, online

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

**Purpose:** The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) was established to represent the interest of renters located in Seattle, to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on public policy matters of importance to renters citywide.

**Commissioners in attendance:** Kim McGillivray, Kate Rubin, Lydia Felty, Atif Osmani, Dan Godfrey, Tavo Moline, Julissa Sanchez

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Char Smith, Sendia Registin

**Public attendance:** Dr. Howard J. Gale

**Staff:** Zach Frimmel

**Quorum:** Yes

**Minutes approved:** none

(Transcriber's Note: Seattle Renters' Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the minutes is available upon request.)

**Welcome**

Co-chairs opened with Land & Labor Acknowledgements and approved meeting minutes for October and November meetings, including the Special Meetings.

**Vote on SRC applicants/appointments**

8:30-8:45am

The SRC co-chairs interviewed 3 new SRC applicants.

Candidate 1: Daniel Lugo

Renter who has experienced housing insecurity and homelessness. Is in the political scene and primarily works on foster youth education but formerly the legislative aid to Frank Chopp.

Daniel received 7 votes "Yes", 0 votes "No"

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Candidate 2: Simone Barron

Masters of Juris prudence student at UW, lifetime food service professional. Is a renter and has a 20 year-old son and does social media on the side.

Simone received 7 votes "Yes", 0 votes "No"

Candidate 3: Michael McCrystal

Non-profit professional, renter, single dad of a son living in Columbia City and enjoyed talking with him. He comes from the Bay area and moved up in 2015. Was a homeowner and now is renting and bring a different perspective of having experience as both a previous homeowner and now a current renter in Seattle.

Commissioners Each of the different candidates brings a different perspective in trying to live while renting in Seattle.

Michael received 7 votes "Yes", 0 votes "No"

Daniel, Simone, and Michael's appointments will all be sent off for confirmation.

### **Vote on Seattle Social Housing PDA Board (SSH PDA Board) Replacement**

8:45-

9:00am

Ebo Barton was an SRC-appointed renter (at the 80-100 AMI range) to the SSH PDA Board who recently resigned so the SRC were tasked with replacing EBo. The SRC considered 3 of the top candidates from the original Seattle Social Housing PDA Board application and interview process, which they originally interviewed 21 candidates. The top 3 candidates for this replacement were Wylie Duffy, Gina Owens, and Marit Saltrones.

In the I-135 charter Article VII section 9 states, "Removal of Board Members. If any Board member resigns, or becomes ineligible to serve, or misses three (3) or more consecutive Board meetings or two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of scheduled Board meetings in six (6) consecutive months, they shall be replaced, unless the absences have been excused by the Board. The replacement member shall be selected in the same manner as the departing Board member."

Based on the charter's language, Wylie Duffy was the only top candidate that fit the 80-100% AMI criteria that would fulfill the "be selected in the same manner" criteria for the replacement.

### **Discussion and planning of selecting 3 renters for the Renters' Rights workgroup 8:55am**

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2024 Council Budget Action about the workgroup: <https://council.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Amendment-Group-A-Packet.pdf#page=238>

- The SRC is assigned to select 3 Seattle renters to a “tenant workgroup to develop and recommend strategies to protect the health and well-being of Seattle renters.” The SRC discussed their plan around the application process trying to decide if they should open it up to the public as a brand new call for applicants or if they should use the original SSH PDA Board applicant pool. The SRC ended the meeting by leaning towards an open call but would save their brainstorming for their future meetings.

**Adjourn**

9:00am