Seattle Center Advisory Commission Meeting
August 6, 2026 | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Armory Loft 3 / WebEx
Adopted

ATTENDEES

Commissioners:	Mark Dederer, Will Ludlam, Michael George, John Olensky, Sally Bagshaw, Adriane Musuneggi, Lauren Campbell, Holly Golden, Matt Roewe, Lara Mae Chollette, Gloria Connors, Eric Berlinberg, Eric Pettigrew, Sarah Rich
Absent Commissioners:	Stacey Hutchison, Matthew Mead
Seattle Center Staff:	Randy Engstrom, Diamatris Winston, Rose Ann Lopez, Marc Jones, Jayme Stocker, Vi Nguyen, Tiffani Melake, Chelsea Riddick-Most, Kaori Kiyono
Guests:	Rob Johnson, Micheal Johnson

Welcome/Review & Approve the June Meeting Minutes – Mark Dederer, *Chair*

- Vote to approve the June meeting minutes: approved

Public Comment – *Mark Dederer, Chair*

No public comment

Director's Report – *Randy Engstrom, Acting Director*

Response to Recent Tragic Event

- The Seattle Center leadership team is collaborating with Seattle Police Department to investigate the incident on July 26 and address gun violence prevention.
- Staff and partners responded immediately to the danger, and no shots were fired by the enforcement team.
- The Executive team has been holding daily stand-up meeting since day after the incident.
- The department is prioritizing support for traumatized staff through Employee Assistant Program resources and partnerships with the Seattle Center Foundation.
- Bruce Linton, the new Emergency Services Manager, was introduced to lead safety efforts alongside Campus Operations Director Rose Ann Lopez.
- After-action review meeting is scheduled for August 7. The review will cover communications, staffing, security protocols, and prevention strategies. A draft report of the findings is expected next Friday, with a final version following shortly after.
- Despite the recent tragedy, major events like Movies at Mural and Brownie & Lemonade concert have continued.
- The leadership team remains committed to maintaining Seattle Center as a safe, cultural and civic space.
- Seattle Center will share communications guide with the Commission

SCF Partnership & Support

- Rob Johnson from the Seattle Center Foundation reported that $170,000 in grants are going to be allocated to impacted vendors. Food vendors can receive up to $5,000, while performers and retail vendors can receive up to $1,000. Most of the community support funds come from Amazon.
- The goal is to raise between $400,000 and $450,000 through corporate partners.

- Additional funds will support staff wellness, de-escalation training, and campus safety walks.
- Resident Organizations like the Pacific Northwest Ballet and Seattle Children's Theatre have experienced various levels of disruption due to the incident, including the cancellation of youth classes in the immediate aftermath of the incident.
- The foundation is helping facilitate collaborative feedback sessions between Seattle Center and resident organizations.

Q&A Session and Discussion

- The transition to the Workday payroll system caused a loss of integration with the Rave alert system, preventing automatic updates for city employees.
- The Office of Emergency Management and Seattle IT are working to resolve the issue through manual uploads and cross-checking syncs.
- Once the updated Alert Seattle link is available, Jayme Stocker, Seattle Center Public Information Officer, will distribute it to this commission and the Foundation.
- In future emergency situations, we can defer to Seattle Police Department's communication channels, such as their blog, social media, and website, for immediate updates, avoiding conflicting or duplicate messaging until the situation is clear.
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- Existing cameras on campus mainly monitor vehicle entry at gates rather than covering every interior thoroughfare of the campus.
- Discussions included ideas such as using portable camera kiosks or limiting points of entry rather than completely gating off the campus.
- Leadership emphasized balancing enhanced safety measures with maintaining Seattle Center's identity as an open, welcoming public space.
- The discussion turned to aligning safety recommendations with upcoming city budget cycles.
- Commissioners expressed their intention to take an active role in commenting on budget proposals to advocate for necessary resources, including ESU officers and enhanced security technology.

Form of Safety Review Subcommittee

- A motion was passed to form the Seattle Center Safety Review Subcommittee to review campus safety and provide recommendations to the Seattle Center Director, the rest of the team, and the Mayor.
- Commissioners volunteered for the group include Will Ludlam, Sally Bagshaw, Matt Roewe, Michael Johnson, Lara Mae Chollette, Gloria Alvarez Connors, and Adriane Musuneggi.
- Seattle Center will share a full report of After-Action Review with this group when it's ready.

Commission Updates and New Appointments

- Reappointment of Eric Berlinberg, John Olensky, and Sarah Rich, along with the appointments of two new commissioners, Michael Johnson and Ashley McClaran, were reviewed by the STEPS Committee on August 6 and subsequently advanced to the full Council for confirmation on August 11.

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- September SCAC meeting will be held at Ivar's Acre of Clams at the Waterfront.

1:32 p.m. – Meeting adjourned