



King County

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Meeting Minutes Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

Councilmembers:
Teresa Mosqueda, Chair;
Reagan Dunn, Vice-Chair;
Jorge L. Barón, De'Sean Quinn

Lead Staff: Sam Porter (206-263-2708)
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9:30 AM

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Room 1001

DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Chair Mosqueda called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Dunn, Barón, Mosqueda and Quinn

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Dunn approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individuals were present to provide public comment:

1. Kelsey Taylor
2. Kody Zalewski
3. Jacabo Smitherman
4. Mathew Rigg
5. Wendy Lynn Lugo
6. Kristin Barnes

Discussion and Possible Action

5. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0107**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Neal Black, who works in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Balducci

Olivia Brey, Council staff, briefed the committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Neal Black, appointee to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners and Jessica de Barros, Vice President of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, King County Housing Authority, were present to brief and answer questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunn that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dunn, Barón, Mosqueda and Quinn

6. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0157**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Ballentine, who resides in council district five, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: Quinn

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Eric Ballentine, appointee to the King County veterans advisory board, was present to brief and answer questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Barón, Mosqueda and Quinn

Excused: 1 - Dunn

7. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0173**

A MOTION regarding the council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees, and requesting a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment.

Sponsors: Mosqueda, Dembowski and Barón

Melissa Bailey, Council staff, briefed the committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. The following panel was present: Kayley Bebbler, Unaccompanied Children Program Directing Attorney, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Vanessa Reyes, Policy Manager, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, and Guillermo Zazueta, Lead Field Organizer, OneAmerica to commented and answered questions from members.

A motion was made by Barón that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Barón, Mosqueda and Quinn

No: 1 - Dunn

Briefing

8. [Briefing No. 2025-B0082](#)

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Sales Tax Funded Program Update

Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, (DCHS), Susan McLaughlin, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, DCHS and Isabel Jones, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, DCHS, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0101](#)

Entheogens: Supporting Recovery in Local Jurisdictions

Heidi Eisenhour, County Commissioner, Jefferson County and Erin Reading, Port Townsend Psychedelic Society, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature