



King County

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516 Third Avenue
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Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;
Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Zahilay led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-13

The following people spoke:

Joe Kunzler

Alex Tsimmerman

Government Accountability and Oversight

6. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0085

AN ORDINANCE relating to the personnel system; amending Ordinance 9088, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.12.005, Ordinance 12014, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.12.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.040, Ordinance 12014, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.042, Ordinance 12014, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.044, Ordinance 12014, Section 10, and K.C.C. 3.12.050, Ordinance 12014, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.060, Ordinance 4324, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 12, and K.C.C. 3.12.090, Ordinance 12014, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.100, Ordinance 12014, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.123, Ordinance 12077, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.125, Ordinance 4324, Section 38, and K.C.C. 3.12.140, Ordinance 12014, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.180, Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.184, Ordinance 12014, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.188, Ordinance 12014, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.190, Ordinance 12052, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.210, Ordinance 12014, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.215, Ordinance 18408, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.219, Ordinance 12014, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.220, Ordinance 18191, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.221, Ordinance 15558, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.222, Ordinance 12014, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.223, Ordinance 13743, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.224, Ordinance 7956, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.225, Ordinance 19563, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.227, Ordinance 12014, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.230, Ordinance 12077, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.240, Ordinance 12014, Section 25, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.250, Ordinance 12014, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.260, Ordinance 9967, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.262, Ordinance 12014, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.270, Ordinance 12014, Section 28, and K.C.C. 3.12.280, Ordinance 12014, Section 29, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.290, Ordinance 12014, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.300, Ordinance 4324, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.12.310, Ordinance 12014, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.330, Ordinance 12498, Sections 1, 4-7, and K.C.C. 3.12.335, Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350, Ordinance 12014, Section 33, and K.C.C. 3.12.360, Ordinance 16640, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.400, Ordinance 12943, Section 13, and K.C.C. 3.12A.010, Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020, Ordinance 12943, Section 15, and K.C.C. 3.12A.030, Ordinance 12943, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12A.040, Ordinance 12943, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.050, Ordinance 12943, Section 18, and K.C.C. 3.12A.060, Ordinance 18696, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.12S.010, Ordinance 12014, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.010, Ordinance 8179, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.14.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 47, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.14.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.060, Ordinance 12014, Section 50, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 54, and K.C.C. 3.15.110, Ordinance 12014, Section 51, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.025, Ordinance 14233, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.120, Ordinance 12014, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.030, Ordinance 14233,

Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.130, Ordinance 14233, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.140, Ordinance 1780, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.050, Ordinance 197, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.010, Ordinance 11480, Section 5, and K.C.C. 3.16.012, Ordinance 10631, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.015, Ordinance 197, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.020, Ordinance 11480, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.025, Ordinance 8658, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040, Ordinance 12014, Section 55, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.050, Ordinance 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055, Ordinance 13000, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.060, Ordinance 1902, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.28.010, Ordinance 12077, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.010, Ordinance 11183, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.30.020, Ordinance 10930, Sections 3-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.030, Ordinance 12077, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.050, Ordinance 12077, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.060, Ordinance 10930, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.30.070, Ordinance 8575, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.010, Ordinance 8575, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.020, Ordinance 8575, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.030, Ordinance 17332, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.36.035, Ordinance 16035, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.045, Ordinance 16035, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.055, Ordinance 16035, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.065, Ordinance 16035, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.36.075, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 3.15, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 3.30, recodifying K.C.C. 3.15.060, K.C.C. 3.15.110, K.C.C. 3.15.120, K.C.C. 3.15.130, K.C.C. 3.15.140, K.C.C. 3.15.145, and K.C.C. 3.15.135, repealing Ordinance 4324, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.030, Ordinance 12014, Section 16, and K.C.C. 3.12.130, Ordinance 4324, Section 37, and K.C.C. 3.12.150, Ordinance 4324, Section 34, and K.C.C. 3.12.160, Ordinance 12014, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.170, Ordinance 11149, Sections 1-4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.187, Ordinance 14591, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.218, Ordinance 12014, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.247, Ordinance 4324, Section 33, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.320, Ordinance 4324, Section 4, and K.C.C. 3.12.340, Ordinance 9498, Section 14, and K.C.C. 3.12.365, Ordinance 1282, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.040, Ordinance 1282, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.070, Ordinance 8299, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.080, Ordinance 12014, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.100, Ordinance 16818, Section 1, and K.C.C. 3.15.150, Ordinance 16818, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.160, Ordinance 16818, Section 3, and K.C.C. 3.15.170, and Ordinance 16818, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.15.180, and establishing an expiration date.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 19953.

Gene Paul, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1B. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

Consent Items 7-11

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0154](#)

A MOTION approving the job description for the position of hearing examiner.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16839.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0178](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mike Flood to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16840.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0179](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Christopher Hays to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a registered King County voter.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16841.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0180](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy Sakahara to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in King County that provides elections information to the public.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16842.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0181.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Latasha Mae to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King County that promotes equality and the advancement of Black or African Americans.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16843.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

First Reading of and Action on Motions without Referral to Committee**12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0211](#)**

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to serve as hearing examiner pro tempore.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16844.

Councilmember Perry made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Reappointment Consent Agenda

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0126](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Fartun Mohamed, who resides in council district seven, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative of a grassroots organization serving a cultural population or cultural populations.

The enacted number is 16845.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0182](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities, at the Cedar Hills regional landfill, and for construction and demolition waste disposed at landfills by construction and demolition receiving facilities; and amending Ordinance 19805, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.021 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0208](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into interlocal agreements for salmon conservation efforts in the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish Watershed within Water Resource Inventory Area 7, the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 8, and the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed also known as Water Resource Inventory Area 9.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0145](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Peter Lewis, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0189](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Emily Huynh, who resides in council district two, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has familiarity with King County government, systems, or agencies.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0194](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Mona Jaber, who resides in council district seven, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0201](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the results of an analysis of racial disparities in response to infractions as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Barón

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0205](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program plan, in response to the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 16, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.

21. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0209

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on streamlining food business permitting process, in accordance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 104, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

22. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Required notification pursuant to K.C.C. 4A.100.080

June 20, 2025, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from Emergent Need Contingency to the Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital (TDC FAC SECURITY IMPRVMT BUDG).

Councilmember Zahilay announced that under K.C.C. 4A.100.080 a transfer of emergent need contingency exceeding 25% of total project costs shall be noticed on two council agendas to give councilmembers an opportunity to object at either of these meetings. In addition to the July 8, 2025, agenda the notification was also included on the July 1, 2025, agenda. Unless a councilmember objects, the transfer will go forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature