



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes

### Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Sarah Perry, Chair;  
Jorge Barón, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Steffanie Fain,  
Rhonda Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

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1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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#### REVISED AGENDA DRAFT MINUTES

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3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:37 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:50 p.m.*

*At 2:50 p.m. the Chair announced that the meeting would be concluded remotely.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

**3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Dunn led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026**

*Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**5. Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

**6. Special Item****Recognition of Shadley Van Schalkwyk for his performance as a USA National player at the T20 Cricket World Cup**

*Councilmembers Perry, Balducci, and von Reichbauer, made remarks and presented the recognition to Shadley Van Schalkwyk. Shadley Van Schalkwyk made remarks and thanked the Council.*

**Proclamation March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility in King County**

*Councilmember Barón and Councilmember Balducci made remarks and presented the proclamation to Jade Lenore Le Duff, Chief of Staff, Lavender Rights Project. Jade Lenore Le Duff made remarks and thanked the Council.*

**7. Public Comment**

*The following people spoke:*

*Yvette Dinish*

*Andrea Ornelas*

*Michael Westgaard*

*Kevin Althmeir*

*Andrew Hanke*

*Mathew Renner*

*Austin Field*

*Kristina DeFlorio*

*Jaeden Noll*

*Alex Tsimmerman*

*Desiree Lenoard-Hodge*

*Hamilton Anderson*

*Ryan Porter*

*Kimmy Reedy*

*Ron Zuelzke*

*Jaidge Haren*

*Jennifer Grennan*

*Daniel Alvarado*

*Kenny Siu*

*Carolyn Bennett*

*Nicole Wolfley*

*Danielle Wallace*

*Melody Correia*

*Rajshree Jadeja*

*Valerie Pacheco*

*Nivedita Tanwar*

*Hannah Prall*

*Rosario Lopez*

*Christian Nelson*

*Gail McArthur*

*Janine Barber*

*Harper*

*Joe Kunzler*

*Sam Hem*

*Sarah Jett Rasor*

*Wren McDonald*

*Marybelle Garcia*

*Anthony Natale*

*Kody Zalewski*

*Joshua Symmeson*

## 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 & 21

### Consent Item 8

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0037](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving South Link Connections Public Transportation Service Changes for King County.

**Sponsors:** Fain and von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 20046.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

### Committee of the Whole

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0329](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the development of a regional motor sports facility demonstration project; amending Ordinance 17287, Section 9, and K.C.C. 21A.06.973C, and Ordinance 17287, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.55.105, and repealing Ordinance 17287, Section 5, and Ordinance 17287, Section 6.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer and Dembowski

*The enacted number is 20047.*

*Jake Tracy, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember von Reichbauer moved Striking Amendment S1. 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:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

## Law and Justice

### 10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0027.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE limiting the use of King County-owned and controlled property; amending Ordinance 18665, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.005, Ordinance 16692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.010, Ordinance 18665, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.15.015, Ordinance 17706, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.020, and Ordinance 19963, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.050 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.15.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda, Dembowski, Lewis and Barón

*The enacted number is 20048.*

*Councilmember Mosqueda moved Striking Amendment S1.*

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

*Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Council, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Garrett Holbrook, County Executive Assistant I, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*The Chair moved the Council into Executive Session at 3:52 p.m., for 15 minutes, until approximately 4:12 p.m. The grounds for Executive Session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) are to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of a proposed action to which the County is or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the County.*

*The Chair extended the Executive Session at 4:12 p.m., for 15 minutes, until approximately 4:27 p.m.*

*The Chair extended the Executive Session at 4:27 p.m., for 15 minutes, until approximately 4:42 p.m.*

*The Chair extended the Executive Session at 4:42 p.m., for 15 minutes, until approximately 4:57 p.m.*

*The Chair extended the Executive Session at 4:57 p.m., for 5 minutes, until approximately 5:02 p.m.*

*The meeting was reconvened at 5:02 p.m.*

*Councilmember Mosqueda withdrew Striking Amendment S1.*

*Councilmember Mosqueda moved Striking Amendment S2. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Mosqueda move Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.*

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

**Yes:** 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and Perry

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

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

**Consent Items 11-12**

**11. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0019**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Trip Switzer, who resides in council district one, to the King County Airport Roundtable, as an at-large representative.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

*The enacted number is 16960.*

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

**12. Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0021.2**

A MOTION related to the rules of procedure and mediation of the King County hearing examiner; and rescinding Motion 14876 and Motion 14876, Attachment A.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 16961.*

**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 Barón that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and Perry

**Excused:** 1 - von Reichbauer

## Health, Housing, and Human Services

### 13. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0017.2](#)

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda and Dembowski

*The enacted number is 16962.*

*Nick Bowman, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

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

**Yes:** 6 - Barón, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and Perry

**No:** 2 - Balducci, and Dunn

**Excused:** 1 - von Reichbauer

## **First Reading and Referral of Ordinances**

### 14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0051](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Bradford Smith and Joshua Finto for property located at 15550 115th Avenue SW, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT010.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.**

### 15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0054](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Scott and Michelle Harvey for property located at 12216 SW Cove Road, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT011.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.**

**16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0055](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Penelope Clay for property located at 22747 Wax Orchard Road SW, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT014.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.**

**17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0057](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Jeremy and Kristin Tinder for property located at 6505 282nd Avenue SE, Issaquah, WA 98027, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT024.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.**

**18. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0061](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2026; and amending Ordinance 20030, Section 4.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.**

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0059](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Adman, who resides in council district one, to the conservation futures advisory committee, as a council district one representative.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

## Reports on Special and Outside Committees

*No reports were given.*

## Other Business

## Recognition Presented in the Community

21. **Recognition of AmPowering's sponsoring of the Seattle Color Festival (Holi) 2026**

*Chair Perry announced that the recognition has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk's Signature