



King County

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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*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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 1:32 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Fain led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2026

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item**Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Awards**

Councilmember Perry made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Detective Ed Christian. Detective Ed Christian made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Fain made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Gwen Allen-Carsten. Gwen Allen-Carsten made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Balducci made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Ken Wong. Ken Wong made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Mosqueda made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Makini Howell. Makini Howell made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Dunn made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Darren and Omayra Linse, who accepted on behalf of their daughter, Major Ariana Sovino. Omayra Linse made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of June 5, 2026, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in King County

Councilmember Mosqueda and Councilmember Lewis made remarks and presented the proclamation to Eleuthera Lisch, Director, Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Eleuthera Lisch made remarks and thanked the Council.

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 6-9 and 15

The following people spoke:

*Austin Field
Alex Tsimerman
Laura Robinett
Matt Sanders
Kevin Altheimer
Emily Willard
Kellen Hoard
Brittany Porter
Naresh Rajan
Colin Bradshaw
Andres Mendez
Ana Unpingco*

Consent Items 7-8

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0104](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of sewer revenue bonds and limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 to provide funds for acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewer system and to pay the costs of issuing such bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of sewer revenue bonds and limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county to refund outstanding obligations of the county payable from sewer revenues and to pay the costs of issuing such refunding bonds; pledging sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on sewer revenue bonds issued under this ordinance; pledging the annual levy of taxes and an additional pledge of sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) issued under this ordinance; delegating authority to the county's Finance Director to approve the issuance and sale of sewer revenue bonds and limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) within specified parameters; and providing for the form, terms and covenants of the bonds issued under this ordinance.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20073.

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

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0121](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to retail establishments; changing the effective date of the requirement that retailers in unincorporated King County, unless otherwise exempted, must accept payment in cash; and amending Ordinance 19639, Section 6, as amended.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20074.

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

Law and Justice**9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0040](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of public defense standards for indigent defense; amending Ordinance 17588, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.026 and adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 2.60.

Sponsors: Barón and Dembowski

The enacted number is 20075.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Lewis moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

Councilmember Lewis moved Amendment 3. The motion carried.

Councilmember Lewis moved Amendment 4.1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Lewis moved 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: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

No: 1 - Dunn

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 10 - 14

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0051.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Bradford Smith and Joshua Finto for property located at 15550 115th Avenue SW, Vashon, WA 98070, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT010.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20076.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0052.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Janice and Cody Hodge and Theresa Styka for property located at 46728 SE 161st Street, North Bend, WA 98045, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT013.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20077.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

12. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0053.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Richard Young for property located at 16532 426th Way SE, North Bend, WA 98045, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT030.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20078.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

13. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0054.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Scott and Michelle Harvey for property located at 12216 SW Cove Road, Vashon, WA 98070, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT011.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20079.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

14. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0055.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Penelope Clay for property located at 22747 Wax Orchard Road SW, Vashon, WA 98070, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT014.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20080.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

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

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

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**Consent Item 15****15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0068](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the first semiannual report on the status of activities related to contract management and compliance reporting protocols, as required by Ordinance 20023, Section 60, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16975.

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

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

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0133](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to organization and functions of the department of information technology; amending, Ordinance 14199, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.035, Ordinance 14005, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.380.010, Ordinance 20012, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2A.380.025, Ordinance 18432, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.380.050, Ordinance 18432, Section 6, and K.C.C. 2A.380.060, Ordinance 18432, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.380.070, Ordinance 5868, Sections 1-2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.280, Ordinance 18386, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.2805, Ordinance 6875, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.510.220, Ordinance 10159, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.27A.010, and Ordinance 10159, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.27A.140, recodifying K.C.C. 4A.200.280 and K.C.C. 4A.200.2805, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200, and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.380.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

First Reading and Referral of Motions

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0088](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Hanan Amer, who resides in council district seven, to the children and youth advisory board, representing the Sound Cities Association.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

18. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Chair Perry announced that in accordance with KCC chapter 2.30, there are three vacant at large positions on the Women’s Advisory Board and requested the Councilmembers submit nominations to fill those positions. Councilmembers are encouraged to review the provisions of KCC 2.30.060.A. for the diversity criteria recommended by that section. Councilmembers may nominate an individual by sending an email with the completed application forms to the Chair’s office by June 8th at 5pm. All nominations will be announced at the June 9th Council meeting and forwarded to the Executive.”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature