



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Law and Justice Committee

Councilmembers:
Jorge L. Barón, Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Vice-Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Teresa Mosqueda

Lead Staff: Leah Krekel-Zoppi (206-477-0892)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Hybrid meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

*The following individuals were present to provide public comment:
Alex Tsimmerman*

Discussion and Possible Action

5. **[Proposed Motion No. 2025-0188](#)**

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

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Betelhem Michael, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

6. [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.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Emily Huynh, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0190](#)

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

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Allison Hastings, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0191](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jacob Joens-Poulton, who resides in council district four, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Jacob Joens-Poulton, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0192](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Aneeka Ferrell, who resides in council district five, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has experience with investigations and enforcement of either human or civil rights or both.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Aneeka Ferrell, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0193](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jennifer Karls, who resides in council district six, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member with professional or lived experience in the disability community.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Jennifer Karls, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

11. [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.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Mona Jaber, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0195](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Bishop Steven Sawyer, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Bishop Steven Sawyer, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0196](#)

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

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Daisy Wong, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0203](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Vanessa Sanchez-Mexicano, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Vanessa Sanchez-Mexicano, appointee to the King County Human and Civil Rights Commission, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the commission.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0167](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Lane Loland, who resides in council district one, to the King County community advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, as a representative from King County sheriff contract cities.

The appointee withdrew their name from consideration.

This matter was Lapsed

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0170](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jonathan Deex, who resides in council district nine, to the King County community advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, as a representative from King County sheriff contract cities.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council staff, briefed the committee. Jonathan Deex, appointee to the King County Community Advisory Committee of Law Enforcement Oversight, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the committee.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0216](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to civil immigration enforcement; amending Ordinance 18665, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.005, and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.15.

Melissa Bailey, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions. Alison Holcomb, Deputy General Counsel, Executive's Office, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted. Councilmember Balducci moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0207](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the status of safety improvements at adult detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P5.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the committee. Steve Larsen, Deputy Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and Mohamed Eltayeb, Facility Commander, Maleng Regional Justice Center - Kent, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

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

Yes: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Mosqueda

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature