



King County

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516 Third Avenue
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Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

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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, May 5, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Lewis led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2026

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item**Proclamation of May 2026 as Therapeutic Court Month in King County**

Councilmember Lewis made remarks and presented the proclamation to Judge Rebecca Robertson, Chief Presiding Judge, District Court; Judge Averial Rothrock, Presiding Judge, Superior Court; and Tami Siemers, Alumni, King County Family Treatment Court. Judge Robertson, Judge Rothrock, and Tami Siemers, made remarks and thanked the Council.

Recognition supporting the Iranian community in King County

Councilmember Balducci made remarks and presented the recognition to Dr. Marjan Didra, Representative Dariya Farivar, and Dr. Naseem Ghazanfari. Dr. Marjan Didra, Representative Dariya Farivar, and Dr. Naseem Ghazanfari 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 6-11 and 17-21

The following people spoke:

Barb Oliver

Alex Tsimerman

Yvette Dinish

Tim Motts/Kris Gonzales

Mo Malakoutian

Hali Williams

Daniel Malone

Nela Cumming

Joe Kunzler

Consent Items 7-8

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0022.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an amendment to the Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program interlocal agreement between the city of Seattle and King County to update the list of open space improvement projects authorized by the program.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20059.

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

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0028](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a lease at an existing location to support the operation of the department of natural resources and parks.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20060.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Budget and Fiscal Management**9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0082](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving King County's partial participation in the city of Bellevue's Tax Increment Financing project, as authorized in RCW 39.114.020; and specifying conditions on the county's participation.

Sponsors: Balducci and Dunn

The enacted number is 20061.

Brandi Paribello, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions and announced that Amendment 1 was replaced by Amendment 1.B.

Councilmember Balducci moved Striking Amendment S2.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1.B. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

Voting on Striking Amendment S2, as amended. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Metropolitan King County Council**10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0099**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Juvenile Detention Guild, representing juvenile detention officers in the juvenile division of the department of adult and juvenile detention; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20062.

Erica Newman, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Andre Chevalier, Labor Relations Negotiator, King County Executive Office, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Sasha Alessi, Labor Relations Manager, King County Executive Office, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

11. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0102

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Coalition Labor Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Coalition of Unions representing employees in the department of community and human services, the King County sheriff's office, and the departments of executive services, local services, natural resources and parks, and public health; and establishing the effective date of the agreements.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20063.

Erica Newman, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dunn moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

Sasha Alessi, Labor Relations Manager, King County Executive Office, made remarks and answered questions.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 12-16

12. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0030.2](#)

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 Jason Gwerder for property located at 38723 191st Avenue SE, Auburn, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT009.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20064.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

13. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0031.2](#)

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 Monte and Mary Shiley for property located at 37917 170th Avenue SE, Enumclaw, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT012.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20065.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

14. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0032.2](#)

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 Nils K Anderson Irrevocable Trust for property located at 34430 NE 120nd Way, Carnation, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT017.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20066.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

15. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0033.2](#)

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 Cathryn Baerwald for property located at 7521 Ames Lake Carnation Road NE, Carnation, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT020.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20067.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

16. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0034.2](#)

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 Cheryl Grunbock for property located at 11212 SE Bank Road, Vashon, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT028.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20068.

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

Excused: 1 - Perry

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**Consent Item 17****17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0323](#)**

A MOTION relating to the Fish Passage Restoration program, accepting the strategic plan, an updated work plan, and summary of changes made to public-facing materials as required by the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, which is Attachment A to Ordinance 19881.

Sponsors: Perry and Dunn

The enacted number is 16971.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Committee of the Whole

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0085](#)

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Megan Pedersen as acting director of the King County department of human resources.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16967.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to suspend the rules to relieve the committee of further consideration pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.125. The motion carried.

Erica Newman, Chief of Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0109](#)

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Sandra Valenciano as acting director of the department of public health.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16968.

Olivia Brey, Council staff, briefed the Council.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn offered an oral amendment, on page 2, line 7, after "on", strike "July 10" and Insert "July 13". The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0110](#)

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Susan McLaughlin as acting director of the department of community and human services.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16969.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn offered an oral amendment, on page 2, line 7, after "on", strike "July 10" and Insert "July 13". The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0112](#)

A MOTION relating to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, requesting the executive to provide a briefing and report on the authority's corrective actions, administrative funding needs, and decision framework regarding the county's continued participation in the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement and potential impacts, and steps to protect the county's investment pool.

Sponsors: Barón, Dembowski and Fain

The enacted number is 16970.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. The motion carried.

Olivia Brey, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

22. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0016](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Auburn Water System Plan dated July 2025.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

23. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0100](#)

AN ORDINANCE denying the vacation of a portion of 85th Ave S/Third St, V-2767; Petitioners: Denis and Diana Nemeth.

Sponsors: Perry

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

24. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0103](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for sewage treatment and disposal; and amending Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100, Ordinance 18745, Section 2, as amended, and Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

25. [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

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

26. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0113](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the withdrawal of approximately 67 acres of land from the Vashon sewer district.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee

27. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

No reports were given.

Other Business

Required Notification Pursuant to K.C.C. 4A.100.080

28. **April 21, 2026, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from the Public Transportation Infrastructure Capital Fund to the Metro Facility Security Improvements Budget - Project Number 1141996.**

Vice Chair Barón announced that under K.C.C. 4A.100.080 a transfer of emergent need contingency exceeding 25% of total project costs was noticed on two council agendas to give councilmembers an opportunity to object at either of these meetings. In addition to the April 28, 2026, agenda the notification was also notice on the May 5, 2026, agenda. Unless a councilmember objects, the transfer will go forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature