



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

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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, May 20, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - ADDED ITEM 16

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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 1:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2025

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Items**Proclamation of May 2025 as Jewish Heritage Month in King County**

Councilmember Zahilay and Councilmember Dunn made remarks, presented the proclamation and introduced Rabbi Daniel Weiner. Rabbi Weiner made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of May 2025 as Bike Everywhere Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci made remarks, presented the proclamation and introduced Vicky Clarke, Deputy Director, Cascade Bicycle Club. Vicky Clarke 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, 9-12, and 19

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimerman

Madeline Brown

Alex Fayer

Cassandra Aspinall

Heather Mullin

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 7-8

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0165.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE denying the vacation of a portion of 43rd Ave S, Auburn, file no. V-2750; Petitioners: Drake Randle and William and Vikki Johnson.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19935.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0063.2](#)

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 Indigenous Creative Collective for property located at 9666 51st Avenue South, Seattle, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT009S.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19936.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn that the Consent Agenda be Passed. The motion carried

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

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

Consent Item 9

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0091](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Adrien Leavitt, who resides in council district two, to the King County public defense advisory board, representing areas or issues that may affect public defense clients.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16816.

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Budget and Fiscal Management

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0139](#)

A MOTION reaffirming King County's commitment to reproductive rights in response to state and federal cuts.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16817.

Samantha Porter, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Reappointment Consent Agenda Items 11-12

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0142](#)

A MOTION reappointing Christopher Carney, who resides in council district two, to the King County public defense advisory board, representing areas or issues that may affect public defense clients.

Sponsors: Barón

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

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0143](#)

A MOTION reappointing Sara Rankin, who resides in council district two, to the King County public defense advisory board, representing areas or issues that may affect public defense clients.

Sponsors: Barón

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Motions

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0138](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a plan for expanding and improving public access to criminal data information on the prosecuting attorney's office data dashboard for juvenile cases and a report on sexual assault cases in compliance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, 19861, Section 31, Proviso P1 and P2.

Sponsors: Barón

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

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0140](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Sanders as county public defender.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0144](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Faisal Akhter, who resides in council district two, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

Rereferral**16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0119](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the funding and provision of Medic One emergency medical services; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County, at special election on November 4, 2025, of a proposition to fund the countywide Medic One emergency medical services by authorizing the continuation of a regular property tax levy for a consecutive six year period, for collection beginning in 2026, at a rate of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide for Medic One emergency medical services.

Sponsors: Dunn, Dembowski, Quinn and Balducci

This is a dual referral first to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee and then to the Regional Policy Committee.

This is a mandatory referral to the Regional Policy Committee as set forth in King County Charter Section 270.30 and K.C.C. 1.24.065.

This matter was Re-referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

17. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)**Other Business****Required notification pursuant to K.C.C. 4A.100.080****18. May 13, 2024, Exception Notification Regarding Transfer from Emergent Need Contingency to the Parks Capital Fund (Wayne Golf Course Trail Connector Improvements).**

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 and opportunity to object at either of these meetings. In addition to the May 20, 2025, Council agenda, the notification will also be included on the May 27, 2025, Council agenda. Unless a councilmember objects, the transfer will go forward.

Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community

19. Recognition of Syttende Mai, also known as Norwegian Constitution Day.

Chair Zahilay announced that the Proclamation has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature