



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, July 21, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 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 Lewis led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2026

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item**100th Anniversary of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials**

Chair Perry read the recognition and presented it to David Yow, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; Kurt Cushman, Service Plumber Agent, UA32; and Derek Pell, Assistant Division Director, Environmental Services Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County. David Yow, Kurt Cushman, and Derek Pell thanked the Council and made remarks.

County Service Awards*Metro Transit Division**Paul Margolis 20**Walter Olson 20**Patricia Spanjer 20**Gerald Freeman, Jr. 30**Mechelle Penny 25**Harold Olsoy 25**Steven Kendall 35**Lisa Durst 40**King County Sheriff's Office**Chief Marcus Williams 35**Department of Public Health**Blanca Phillips 20**David Delgado 35**Berhanu Alemayehu 35**Department of Human Resources**Brittany Crosser 20**Department of Judicial Administration**Michelle Jay 30**Department of Assessments**Makeda Ebube 40**Department of Executive Services**Marcia Thomas 20**Candi Santos 25**Tom Koney 35**Department of Natural Resources and Parks**Zhengjie Zhou 20**Abraham Araya 25**Laura Hartema 30**Rama (RJT) Tall 35*

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 6-8

*The following people spoke:
Kevin Altheimer*

Consent Item 7

7. **[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0108.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of the surplus property located at 46502 268th Avenue SE, King County, Washington, in council district nine.

Sponsors: Dembowski

A public hearing was held and closed. 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

The enactment number is 20113.

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

Law and Justice

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0084](#)

A MOTION approving the King County youth diversion and intervention program report required by 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 108, Proviso P1, related to employment and education resources.

Sponsors: Lewis

A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis that this Motion 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

The enactment number is 16998.

Miranda Leskinen, Policy Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0160](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste fees charged at recycling and transfer facilities, at the Cedar Hills regional landfill; amending Ordinance 12564, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.10.12.021 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Lewis

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

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0180](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to permit review performance reporting; amending Ordinance 19872, Section 21, and K.C.C. 20.20.130 and repealing Ordinance 19872, Section 26, and K.C.C. 20.20.135.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0187](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an amendment to an agreement approved under Ordinance 19874 with the Washington state Department of Ecology for loan financing of a wastewater capital project.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0189](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the memorandum of agreement negotiated by and between King County and PROTEC17, representing Engineering Services Manager employees in the department of natural resources and parks; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0196](#)

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 natural resources and parks, the department of local services, and the department of executive services; and establishing the effective date of the agreements.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0197](#)

A MOTION approving the job description for the position of inspector general.

Sponsors: Dembowski and Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

Rereferral

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0174](#)

AN ORDINANCE renaming and revising the mental illness and drug dependency fund and the mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee; amending Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010, Ordinance 18217, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.300.510, Ordinance 15955, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.430, and Ordinance 16693, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.22.020, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200, and recodifying K.C.C. 4A.200.430.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was rereferred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee and 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.

16. Reports on Special and Outside Committees**Other Business**

Chair Perry announced the names of the nominees for the two vacancies for the Council nominated at-large positions on the Harborview Board of Trustees: Dr. Meredith Matthews and Dorothy Teeter

Chair Perry also reminded the Council that there is an upcoming vacancy for a Council nominated at-large position on the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee. The vacancy was announced at last week's Council meeting, and the Council is encouraged to submit nominations to fill the position. Councilmembers may nominate an individual by sending an email with the completed application forms to Chair Perry's office by 5PM on Monday, July 27th. After receiving nominations, the names will be announced at the July 28th Council meeting and forwarded to the Executive.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature