



King County

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516 Third Avenue
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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, May 26, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES - REVISED AGENDA

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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 Barón led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2026

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

Item 28.

6. Special Items**Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Awards
Council Districts 2, 4, 7**

Councilmember Lewis presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Gregory Davis, Founding Member, Rainier Beach Action Coalition. Gregory Davis made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Barón presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Dominique Alex, Chief Executive Officer, Mary's Place. Dominique Alex made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember von Reichbauer presented the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Jesse Johnson, Former State Representative, Co-Founder, Federal Way Trades Program and Ken Johnson, Co-Founder, Federal Way Trades Program. Jesse Johnson and Ken Johnson made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in King County

Councilmember Perry presented the Proclamation of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in King County, and introduced KayLee Jaech, The Garage - A Teen Cafe. KayLee Jaech made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci presented the Proclamation of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in King County, and introduced Rabbi Jason Levine, Jewish Community Relations Council Associate Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Rabbi Jason Levine made remarks and thanked the Council.

7. Public Comment

The following people spoke:

Billy Hetherington

Andrea Ornelas

Mark Rosenberger

Joe Kunzler

Jagan Nemani

Jessica Ivey

Rayaan Taj

Shadley Van Schalkwyk

Sean Cary

Travis Grizzel

Danielle Wallace

Aarthi Hatter

Jana Drajpuch

James Hietala

Melody Correia

Whitney Schrader

Vera Volk

Jon Schrader

Joe Hannan

Nikki Bragg

Tonya Coburn

Mia Sandeep

Sue Ver Gowe

Hannah Prall

Annalynn Greer

Amanda Wright

Jim Tjosvold

Georgia North

Shelley Smith

Nivi Tanwar

David North

Rajshree Jadeja

Teresa Bechtold

Denise Brandt

Alex Tsimmerman

Zac Pinard

Mark Vossler

Howard Steele

Nathan Hatch

Michael Truog

Roderick Jefferson

Yvette Dinish

Laura Robinett

Maya Hatter

Dan Murphy

Katie Coleman

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 14-15

Law and Justice

8. [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 a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.60.

Sponsors: Barón and Dembowski

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

This matter was Deferred

Local Services and Land Use

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

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

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Councilmember Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to hold an advertised public hearing. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred.

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0041.2](#)

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 Pavel Aprikian and Louisa Khudaverdian for property located at 17725 SE 102nd Street, Newcastle, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT016.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20069.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0042.2](#)

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 Jessica and Nicholas Firsov for property located at 31811 NE 199th Place, Duvall, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT015.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20070.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

12. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0044.2](#)

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 Lina Tong for property located at 5617 236th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT034.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20071.

This matter passed on the Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda.

13. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0045.2](#)

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 Jeff Smith and Clover Bachman for property located at 17317 W Snoqualmie Valley Road NE, Duvall, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT029.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20072.

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 Items****14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0252](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the summary letter and completion of the online annual report requirement for the Crisis Care Centers Levy, in accordance with Ordinance 19572, Section 7.C.9, and Attachment A to Ordinance 19783, Section VIII.A.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16973.

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

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0064](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sabina Perry, who resides in council district four, to the behavioral health advisory board, as a representative who has lived experience with one or more behavioral health conditions.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16974.

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

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0023](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0062](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to King County district court electoral district boundaries for 2026; and amending Ordinance 16803, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.12.050.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

18. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0108](#)

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

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

19. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0116](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of environmental attributes held by the county; authorizing the county to enter into an agreement for the sale of environmental attributes related to biomethane produced at the South Treatment Plant to Karbone Inc.

Sponsors: Fain

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee

20. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0117](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the county executive to enter into an interlocal agreement for the provision of autopsy and forensic pathology services by the King County medical examiner's office to Skagit County.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

21. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0132](#)

AN ORDINANCE regarding the King County noxious weed control program; revising King County noxious weed control program assessments; amending Ordinance 13325, Sections 1 and 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.200 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

First Reading and Referral of Motions

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0111](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on maintaining Medicaid retention in King County, in accordance with the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 17, Proviso P9.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0118](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a plan to address the needs of vulnerable jail residents as they transition from prerelease to postrelease services, in accordance with the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 51, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0127](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Teofila Cruz-Uribe, who resides in council district eight, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board, as an executive at-large representative for position 12.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0129](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of _____ to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Employment and Administration Committee

26. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0130](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of _____ to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative of the Korean-speaking community.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Employment and Administration Committee

27. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

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.”

Rereferral

28. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0066](#)

AN ORDINANCE updating the capacity charge methodology; and amending Ordinance 13680, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.86.160.

Sponsors: Balducci

This matter was Re-referred to the Regional Water Quality Committee

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature