

King County

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair; 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, June 17, 2025 Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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 Dunn led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item

Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Awards

Council Districts 2, 3, 7, 9

Councilmember Zahilay made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Michael Byun. Michael Byun made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Perry made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Alicia Spinner. Alicia Spinner made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember von Reichbauer made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Estela Ortega. Estela Ortega made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Dunn made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr.

Distinguished Service Award to Beverly Ni. Beverly Ni made remarks and thanked the

Council.

County Service Awards

Executive Braddock presented the following service awards:

Metro Transit Division Randy Boshart - 20 years Justin Swanson - 20 years Kirk Anderson - 20 years Richard Leonard - 25 years Kevin Thiraphouth - 25 years Sally Turner - 40 years

Assessments Stephanie Pratt - 25 years

Judicial Administration Andre Jones - 25 years Warren Van Patten - 30 years

Human Resources Bal Goundar - 20 years Mary Beth Short - 25 years

Natural Resources and Parks Perry Falcone - 25 years Mark Lampard - 35 years

Public Health
Joyce Coleman - 20 years
Ryan Kellogg - 20 years
Doug Jones - 25 years
Donah Bajet-Gerona - 20 years
Kal Peck - 20 years
Diane B. Myers - 40 years

Proclamation of June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in King County

Councilmember Quinn, Councilmember Zahilay, and Executive Braddock, made remarks and presented the proclamation. Delbert Richardson, Founder and Curator, History Traveling Museum: The Unspoken Truths; Gwen Allen-Carston, Executive Director, Kent Black Action Commission; and Chris B. Bennett, Jr., CEO and Publisher, The Seattle Medium; 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 the Juneteenth Proclamation and Items 7-13

The following person spoke: Joe Kunzler

Consent Item 7

7. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0129

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: Balducci

The enacted number is 19942.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

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8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0166

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, representing transit administrative support employees in the Metro transit department; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19943.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Angela Marshall, Director, Office of Labor Relations, thanked the Council.

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

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 Items 9-12

9. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0037

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on adult and juvenile sex offense cases in compliance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, 19546, Section 31, as amended by Ordinance 19791, Section 9, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16830.

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

10. Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0138.2

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on sexual assault cases in compliance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 31, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16831.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}}$ Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. 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

The enacted number is 16832.

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

12. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0152**

A MOTION accepting the office of law enforcement oversight's annual report for the year 2024.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16833.

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

Health, Housing, and Human Services

13. Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0149.2

A MOTION expressing King County council's opposition to proposed federal Medicaid cuts and affirming support for care workers, healthcare systems, and residents who rely on Apple Health.

Sponsors: Zahilay, Mosqueda and Quinn

The enacted number is 16834.

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

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda 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

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

14. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0165

AN ORDINANCE relating to a capital improvement project; making a supplemental appropriation of \$51,819,000 to the county hospital capital fund; and amending the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 130, as amended, and Attachment A, as amended.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

15. **Proposed Motion No. 2025-0173**

A MOTION regarding the council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees, and requesting a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

16. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Councilmember Dunn announced the following:

"Last week, I had a personal obligation that caused me to leave Council before the meeting adjourned. This unfortunately caused me to miss a vote on Motion 16829 regarding Assessor John Arthur Wilson.

It has become public through media news outlets, and other sources, that Assessor Wilson has been accused of extremely serious allegations related to a domestic dispute including stalking, harassment, and improper use of County resources for the purposes of stalking. King County Superior Court has issued a temporary protection order preventing Mr. Wilson from contacting the alleged victim. While all of this is disturbing, the real lynch pin is the allegation of improper use of County resources, which in my opinion, is the real key, and it has occurred and that's why I disagree with the Seattle Times editorial that was just published on the matter. I find all of these allegations extremely disturbing, and Mr. Wilson's public behavior to be inconsistent with the professionalism expected of an elected official. Had I been able to vote for Motion 16829, I would have voted "yes", that the King County Council has lost confidence in John Arthur Wilson to carry out the duties of King County Assessor and therefore call on John Arthur Wilson's immediate resignation."

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