



King County

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516 Third Avenue
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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, September 16, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - ADDED ITEM 23

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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 von Reichbauer led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2025**

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

Item 23 was added to the agenda.

6. **Special Items**

Recognition of September 16, 2025, as Mexican Independence Day

Councilmembers von Reichbauer, Mosqueda, and Zahilay, made remarks, presented the recognition, and introduced Victor Hugo López Ortega, Consulate of Mexico. Victor Hugo López Ortega made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of September 2025 as National Recovery Month in King County

Councilmember Dunn and Councilmember Zahilay made remarks and presented the proclamation.

Recognition of Heather Venegas as the 2025 King County Recovery Champion

Councilmember Dunn made remarks, presented the recognition, and introduced Heather Venegas. Heather Venegas made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of September 15 to October 15, 2025, as Latino/a/e Heritage Month in King County

Councilmember Barón and Councilmember Mosqueda made remarks, presented the proclamation, and introduced Lilliane Ballesteros, Executive Director of Latino Community Fund; Jake Garcia, Policy Director with Latino Community Fund; Marcos Wanless, Latino Chamber; and Alejandra Tres, Comunidad de Vashon. Alejandra Tres, Lilliane Ballesteros, and Marcos Wanless, made remarks and thanked the Council.

County Service Awards

Executive Braddock presented service awards to the following King County employees:

- Gary Bachmeier - 30 years*
- Fel Pajimula - 20 years*
- Jose Reynaga - 20 years*
- Tina Shields - 40 years*
- Richard Watson - 25 years*
- Bal Goundar - 20 years*
- Caroline Hughes - 20 years*
- Teresa Brown - 30 years*
- Louis Lok - 20 years*
- Michaëlle Monday - 25 years*
- Dave Mecklenburg - 25 years*

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 6-16 (Proclamations and Recognitions Only)

The following people spoke:

- Braden Sigua*
- Kevin Kelly*
- Alissa Campbell*
- Nela Cumming*
- David de la Fuente*
- Karen Sharp*
- Kevin Altheimer*

Consent Item 7

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0260](#)

AN ORDINANCE revising the loan agreement between King County and the Pacific Science Center Foundation.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 19969.

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

Budget and Fiscal Management**8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0182.2](#)**

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

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19970.

April Sanders, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. 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, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0212.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy collection of the sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the delivery of behavioral health services and therapeutic courts authorized by RCW 82.14.460; continuing the sales and use tax; adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.500, establishing an effective date, and establishing an expiration date.

Sponsors: Dembowski

Chair Zahilay announced that 2025-0212 would be deferred to the September 23, 2025, Council agenda.

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

Health, Housing, and Human Services

10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0266

AN ORDINANCE relating to contract management and compliance monitoring protocols for the department of community and human services; and amending Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.130.

Sponsors: Dunn, Balducci, Perry, Zahilay, Barón and Quinn

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

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

Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, made remarks and answered questions.

The Chair announced Proposed Ordinance 2025-0266 would be deferred to the September 23, 2025, Council agenda.

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

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

Consent Items 11-14

11. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0220

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a plan for use of the west wing of the King County Correctional Facility as an area to provide alternatives to secure detention services as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Barón and Balducci

The enacted number is 16874.

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

12. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0256

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for assistant chief legal counsel to the King County council.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16875.

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

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0257](#)

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for chief legal counsel to the King County council.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16876.

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

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0258](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Hilary De La Cruz to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a King County registered voter.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16877

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

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Law and Justice

15. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0206.2](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of an independent monitoring report on the confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P3.

Sponsors: Barón

Councilmember Dembowski requested that Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0206 be deferred to the September 23, 2025, Council agenda. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

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

Reappointment Consent Agenda Item 16

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0247](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Daniel Martin, who resides in council district eight, to the King County community advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, as a representative from King County sheriff contract cities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16878.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0141](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an amendment extending the term of fiber optic installation and maintenance agreements; authorizing the executive to enter into future project agreements under approved general terms and conditions; and authorizing the executive to execute two project agreements for fiber optic installation and maintenance with the city of Seattle and the Washington state Department of Transportation.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The Chair announced that Item 17 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

18. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0278](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy collection of the sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the delivery of behavioral health services and therapeutic courts authorized by RCW 82.14.460; continuing the sales and use tax; adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.500, establishing an effective date, and establishing an expiration date.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The Chair announced that Item 18 would be referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Metropolitan King County Council

First Reading and Referral of Motions

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0272](#)

A MOTION approving the 2026 budget and work program for ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0273](#)

A MOTION approving the 2026 work plan and 2026 budget for SKHHP, South King Housing and Homelessness Partners.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0274](#)

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Stephen Heard as acting director of the King County department of information technology.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

22. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Added Item 23

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

23. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0283](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to department of community and human services contracting capacity; and amending Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.130.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Jordan Harley Dean Wadhams at 4:23 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature