



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes King County Forecast Council

Members:

*Girmay Zahilay, King County Executive; Chair;
Rod Dembowski, King County Councilmember; Vice-Chair;
Aaron Rubardt, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and
Budget;
Jorge Barón, King County Councilmember*

Staff: Lizbeth Martin-Mahar, Chief Economist

10:00 AM

Friday, March 13, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

**SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 4 - Dembowski, Barón, Rubardt and Zahilay

3. **Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2025**

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councilmember Rubardt made a motion to nominate Executive Zahilay as chair of the Forecast Council. The motion carried.

Councilmember Barón made a motion to nominate Councilmember Dembowski as vice-chair of the Council. The motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. **[KCFC Resolution No. KCFC2026-01](#)**

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2026 economic and revenue forecast for King County.

Lizbeth Martin-Mahar, Chief Economist briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Barón made a motion to amend Attachment A to include the impact of ESSB 6346. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this KCFC Resolution be Passed as Amended. The motion failed

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Barón, Zahilay and Rubardt

5. **[KCFC Resolution No. KCFC2026-02](#)**

A RESOLUTION approving the 2026 work plan for the office of economic and financial analysis.

Lizbeth Martin-Mahar briefed the Council and answered questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this KCFC Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Barón, Zahilay and Rubardt

6. [KCFC Resolution No. KCFC2026-03](#)

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2026 and 2027 discount rates for King County.

Lizbeth Martin-Mahar briefed the Council and answered questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this KCFC Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Barón, Zahilay and Rubardt

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature