



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, January 20, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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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 von Reichbauer led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2026

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

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 Item 6

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Yvette Dinish

Consent Item 6

6. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0295.2

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2026.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20030.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. 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

7. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0014

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a housing cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of King to facilitate the development of low-income housing in accordance with chapter 35.83 RCW.

Sponsors: Lewis

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0012](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number one of the King County district court.

Sponsors: Barón

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

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0013](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number four of the King County district court.

Sponsors: Barón

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

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0363](#)

A MOTION approving an amendment to an Amended and Restated Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bothell.

Sponsors: Dembowski and Fain

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0364](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the organics system mapping and policy report as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 109, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0365](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the construction and demolition materials flow control analysis and enforcement report as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 109, Proviso P1

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

Reintroductions of Ordinances

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0286](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a franchise agreement with HyperFiber of Washington, LLC, for use of certain King County road rights-of-way in unincorporated King County for the construction, operation, and maintenance of wireline telecommunications transmission facilities.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Reintroduced

Reintroductions of Motions

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0217](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the third annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids initiative, in accordance with Ordinance 19354.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

This matter was Reintroduced

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0228](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Reintroduced

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0237](#)

A MOTION approving the 2024 annual mental illness and drug dependency evaluation summary report, in compliance with K.C.C. 4A.500.309.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

This matter was Reintroduced

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0337](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Reintroduced

18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0346

A MOTION relating to the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2021-2031 and King County Metro Transit Service Guidelines and accepting the King County Metro Transit 2025 System Evaluation.

Sponsors: Barón

This matter was Reintroduced

19. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature