



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

*Claudia Balducci, Chair;  
Jorge L. Barón, Vice Chair;  
Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah  
Perry,  
Dave Upthegrove, Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

*Lead Staff: Andy Micklow (206-263-3226)  
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)*

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9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay  
**Excused:** 1 - Perry

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

*The following people provided public comment:*

*Alex Tsimerman*

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 5. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0075](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to a vacant position on the public hospital district No. 1 board of commissioners.

*Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, provided an introductory overview. James Griggs, Peter Haroldson, Ricardo Polintan, applicants to the Public Hospital District No. 1 Board of Commissioners, provided comments on their backgrounds and interests on serving on the board and answered questions from the members.*

*The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:42 AM for 15 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes. The meeting returned to regular session at 11:02 AM.*

*Councilmember Upthegrove made an oral amendment to insert the name "Ricardo Polintan" into the empty space on line 26 of the proposed motion. There being no objections, the amendment was adopted.*

*This matter was expedited to the April 2, 2024 meeting of the King County Council.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Upthegrove that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - von Reichbauer

### 6. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0071](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of John Taylor as director of the department of natural resources and parks.

*Andrew Kim, Council staff, briefed the committee.*

*Dwight Dively, Director, King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, and John Taylor, appointee, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

*This matter was expedited to the April 2, 2024 meeting of the King County Council.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Dunn

## Briefings

### 7. [Briefing No. 2024-B0044](#)

Update on the 2024 State Legislative Session

*Mac Nicholson, Director, Government Relations, King County Council, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 8. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0090](#)

A MOTION adopting the King County 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities.

*Mac Nicholson, Director, Government Relations, King County Council, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

*Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of Amendment 1. There being no objections, the amendment was adopted.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Uptegrove that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry and Uptegrove

**Excused:** 3 - Dunn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

### 9. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0083](#)

A MOTION appointing Rian Watt to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority's Implementation Board as a King County council appointee for the remainder of a five-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

*April Sanders, Council staff, briefed the committee.*

*Rian Watt, appointee, and Nigel Herbig, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, answered questions from the members.*

*This item was expedited to the April 2, 2024 meeting of the King County Council.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Dunn

**Other Business**

*There was no other business to come before the committee.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature