



King County

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Meeting Minutes Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay
Alternate: Sarah Perry*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Auburn, Vice Chair;
Jay Arnold, Kirkland;
Angela Birney, Redmond; Armondo Pavone, Renton
Alternates: Dana Ralph, Kent; Debra Srebnik, Kenmore*

*City of Seattle: Cathy Moore, Alexis Mercedes Rinck
Alternates: Sara Nelson, Mark Solomon*

*Lead Staff: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

9:00 AM

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m

2. **Roll Call**

Also in attendance was Councilmember Quinn.

Present: 11 - Arnold, Backus, Birney, Dembowski, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Solomon, Ralph and Srebnik

Excused: 1 - Moore

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Backus moved approval of the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Briefing

4. **[Briefing No. 2025-B0048](#)**

Update on Cedar Hills

This matter was Not Held

Discussion and Possible Action

5. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0070](#)**

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in

excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than \$0.2351 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

Sponsors: Dembowski and Zahilay

Sherrie Hsu, and Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) and Warren Jimenez, Division Director, Parks and Recreation Division, (DNRP) also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

*Mayor Backus moved Amendment 0.5. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 0.7B. The Amendment was adopted.
Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 1.5. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 2. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved T1B. The Amendment was adopted.*

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Votes: Yes: 11 von Reichbauer, Dembowski, Zahilay, Rinck, Solomom voting as alternate for Moore who was excused, Arnold, Backus, and Ralph voting as alternate for Birney who was excused.

No: 0

Excused: Birney, Pavone, Moore

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Arnold, Backus, Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay and Solomon

Excused: 3 - Birney, Moore and Pavone

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0077](#)

A MOTION related to a property tax levy for 2026 through 2031 for the purpose of: maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns, and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance, and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science

Center; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding for capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

Sponsors: Dembowski

Sherrie Hsu, and Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Kendall Moore, Associate Chief Legal Counsel, addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) and Warren Jimenez, Division Director, Parks and Recreation Division, (DNRP) also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

The meeting was recessed by the Chair at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting was reconvened by the Chair at 10:30 a.m.

*Mayor Backus moved Amendment 0.5. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 2. The Amendment was adopted.
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 2.5. The Amendment was withdrawn
Mayor Backus moved Amendment 2.5B. The Amendment was adopted as amended.
Councilmember Zahilay moved Amendment 3. The Amendment was adopted.*

The meeting was recessed by the Chair at 11:10 a.m. and the meeting was reconvened by the Chair at 11:20 a.m.

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

*Votes: Yes: 12 von Reichbauer, Dembowski, Zahilay, Rinck, Solomon voting as alternate for Moore who was excused, Arnold, Backus, Pavone and Ralph voting as alternate for Birney who was excused.
No: 0
Excused: Birney, and Moore*

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Arnold, Backus, Dembowski, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Mercedes Rinck, Zahilay, Solomon, Ralph and Srebnik

Excused: 2 - Birney and Moore

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature