



King County

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Meeting Minutes

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

Councilmembers:

*Teresa Mosqueda, Chair;
Rhonda Lewis, Vice Chair;
Jorge L. Barón, Steffanie Fain*

Lead Staff: Olivia Brey (206-263-7913)

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9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Room 1001

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1. Call to Order

Chair Mosqueda called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lewis moved approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2025 Special meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

The following people were present to offer public comment:

1. Kody Zalowski; 2. Kackson Holder; 3. Kelsey Taylor; 4. Christopher; 5. Dr. Darcy Constans; 6. Ginny Jordan; 7. Owen

Briefing

5. [Briefing No. 2026-B0015](#)

The impacts of Federal Funding Cuts and future service needs at Harborview Medical Center

Lindsey Grad, Legislative Director SEIU Healthcare 1199NW and Andrew Burton, Registered nurse representative, UW Medicine, commented to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

Sommer Kleweno Walley, CEO, Harborview Medical Center, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Ian Goodhew, Chief External Affairs Officer, UW Medicine and Madeline Grant, Chief Administrative Officer, Harborview Medical Center, were also presented to comment and answer questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

6. [Briefing No. 2026-B0016](#)

Impacts of Federal Funding Cuts and Scheduling Restrictions at Valley Medical Center

Rick Polintan, Commissioner, Valley Medical Center Commission; Lika Smith, ED of Pacific Islander Health Board, Amirah H. Ziada, Union Representative, OPEIU LOCAL 8 and Eily Brice, Co-Executive Director, NW Health Law Advocates commented and answered questions from the members.

David Smith, Chief Legal Counsel, Valley Medical Center, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Liz Nolan, Chief Communications & Philanthropy Officer, Valley Medical Center, was also present.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0017](#)

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from members. Daniel Clark, Chief Deputy, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, commented to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature