



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

Jorge Barón, Chair
Claudia Balducci, Vice Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Steffanie Fain, Rhonda
Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry, Pete von Reichbauer

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

9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and Perry

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Vice Chair Balducci moved approval of the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes.
There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

Matt Payne, Sheri Simonsen, Catherine LeViseur, Rosario Lopez, Kevin Diaz, Ella Shahn, Matt Pasleash, Es Elle, Michael Reid, Jordan Pomeroy, Gus Ringo, Amy Shelton, Paddie Ballester, B.J. Last, K.D. Dichter, Griffin Sprague, Julia Buck, Ellery Wilde, Kevin Altheimer, Maha Roy, A.J.

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0011](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Heard as director of the King County department of information technology.

Terra Rose, Council staff, Karan Gill, Deputy King County Executive, and Stephen Heard, appointee, briefed the committee. Stephen Heard, appointee, answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Balducci that this motion be recommended do pass consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and Perry

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

Briefings

6. [Briefing No. 2026-B0028](#)

Federal and State Legislative Update

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

This matter was presented.

7. [Briefing No. 2026-B0029](#)

Community & County Responses to Increased Immigration Enforcement

Malou Chávez, Executive Director, Northwest Immigration Rights Project, Shomya Tripathy, Director of Policy & Civic Engagement, Asian Counseling & Referral Services, and Vanessa Reyes, Policy Manager, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN), briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

Leesa Manion, King County Prosecuting Attorney, and Misha Werschkul, Deputy Director, Policy and Innovation, King County Executive's Office, also briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature