



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)

Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Room 1001

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair Mosqueda called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 February 3, 2026 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

There was no one to offer public comments:

Consent

5. [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

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

Yes: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0253](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Dae Degrade, who resides in council district nine, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

Yes: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0255](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who resides in council district nine, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

Yes: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

8. [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

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

Yes: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

Discussion and Possible Action

9. [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. There was a Striking amendment S1 moved by CM Lewis. The Striking Amendment was adopted.

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

Yes: 4 - Barón, Fain, Lewis and Mosqueda

Briefing

10. [Briefing No. 2026-B0030](#)

Update on U.S. Continuum of Care Funding

Jeff Simms, Chief Program Officer, King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), Daniel Malone, DESC and Lisa Edge, Chief of External Affairs, (KCRHA), briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

11. [Briefing No. 2026-B0031](#)

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee (HHHS) Draft Workplan

Olivia Brey, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the workplan and answered questions from members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature