King County

516 Third Avenue, Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Law and Justice Committee

Councilmembers:
Rhonda Lewis, Chair;
Rod Dembowski,Vice-Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Teresa Mosqueda

Lead Staff: Leah Krekel-Zoppi (206-477-0892)
Co-Lead Erica Newman (206-477-7543)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)

9:30 AM | **Wednesday, November 4, 2026** | **Hybrid Meeting**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

Excused: 1 - Balducci

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Barón moved approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2026 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

The following individuals were present to provide public comment:
Alex Tsimmerman and Davida Ingram

Discussion and Possible Action

5. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0246

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Victim Support Service Improvement Plan required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 17, Proviso P7.

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

Yes: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council staff, briefed the committee.

6. **Proposed Motion No. 2026-0237**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of an independent monitoring report on the confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities as required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 53, Proviso P1.

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

Yes: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council staff, briefed the committee. Chuck Parkins, Division Director, Juvenile Division, DAJD, and Kathryn Olson, Independent Monitor, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Briefing

7. **Briefing No. 2026-B0130**

Superior Court Juvenile Diversion

This matter was Presented

Veronica Galván, Chief Judge, Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center, Robert Gant, Director, Juvenile Court Services, King County Superior Court, and Paul Daniels, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, King County Superior Court, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

8. **Briefing No. 2026-B0129**

Charles Mitchell & George Washington Bush Study for Reparative Action Updates

This matter was Presented

Dr. Ashley Gardner, Principal Project Director, Charles Mitchell & George Washington Bush Study for Reparative Action, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature