



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Law and Justice Committee

**Councilmembers:**  
*Jorge Barón, Chair;*  
*Claudia Balducci, Vice-Chair;*  
*Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn*

**Lead Staff:** Wendy Soo Hoo (206-477-0890)  
**Committee Clerk:** Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)

---

1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

---

### DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Dunn

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

*The following individuals were present to provide public comment:*  
*Alex Tsimmerman*

### Discussion and Possible Action

5. **[Proposed Motion No. 2023-0348](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of superior court's report in response to 2023-24 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 32, Proviso P1.

*Melissa Bailey, Council staff, briefed the committee. The Honorable Ketu Shah, Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court, and Rachael DelVillar, Court Operations Director, King County Superior Court, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

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

**Yes:** 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Dunn

## Briefing

6. [Briefing No. 2024-B0055](#)

Juvenile Detention: Many Youth Face Long Stays in Facility Designed for Short-Term Support

*Brooke Leary, Audit Director, King County Auditor's Office, Justin Anderson, Principal Management Auditor, King County Auditor's Office, and Grant Dailey, Senior Management Auditor, King County Auditor's Office, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Jeneva Cotton, Juvenile Division Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD), also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

7. [Briefing No. 2024-B0058](#)

Recommendation Updates for Criminal Legal Audits since 2020

*Brooke Leary, Audit Director, King County Auditor's Office, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, King County Sheriff's Office, and Shawn Ledford, Chief of Criminal Investigations Division, King County Sheriff's Office, also addressed 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 3:05 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

---

Clerk's Signature