



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Sarah Perry, Chair;
Jorge Barón, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Steffanie Fain,
Rhonda Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - ADDED ITEMS 14-15 DRAFT MINUTES

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- 3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.**

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Barón led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2026**

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

Items 14 and 15 were added to the agenda.

6. **Special Item**

King County Service Awards

Executive Zahilay made remarks and presented service awards to the following employees:

- Anthony Butler - 20 Years*
- Linda Wiedemann - 25 Years*
- Thulin Tolliver - 25 Years*
- Lisa Nault - 30 Years*
- Armand Morales - 35 Years*
- Ted Griffin - 20 Years*
- Willie Mathews - 30 Years*
- Shawn Gocha - 30 Years*
- Dan Dovey - 35 Years*
- Shhinder Sidhu - 20 Years*
- Sean Dumas - 30 Years*
- Susan Harris - 25 Years*
- Jim Sandlin - 45 Years*

Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 7 & 8

The following people spoke:

K. Washington

Marybelle Garcia

Henry Zhang

Consent Items

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0265](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a franchise agreement with the Snoqualmie Valley School District, for use of certain King County road rights-of-way in unincorporated King County for the construction, operation, and maintenance of wireline telecommunications transmission facilities.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20039.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0015](#)

AN ORDINANCE revising the corporate boundary of the city of Enumclaw to include the unincorporated portion of McHugh Avenue right-of-way as provided for in RCW 35A.21.210.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 20040.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0036](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into an agreement with the Washington state Department of Commerce Public Works Board for loan financing for a wastewater capital project.

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0039](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the real estate excise tax, number 2 fund; and amending Ordinance 12076, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.590 and Ordinance 10455, Sections 1, 3, 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.510.120.

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0040](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of public defense standards for indigent defense; amending Ordinance 17588, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.026 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.60.

Sponsors: Barón

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0025](#)

A MOTION related to public transportation, approving the King County Metro Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan 2025 and the King County Metro Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan 2026, in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan regulations and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Sponsors: Fain

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

13. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

First Reading of and Action on Emergency Ordinances Without Referral to Committee

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0048](#)

AN ORDINANCE declaring a one-year moratorium prohibiting the acceptance of applications for the establishment of new or expansion of existing detention facilities, as primary or accessory uses; establishing a work plan; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors: Mosqueda, Barón, Balducci and Lewis

The enacted number is 20041.

Councilmember Barón made a motion to suspend the rules on Proposed Ordinance 2026-0048, in order to take action without referral to committee and to hold the public hearing without waiting the required period. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Jake Tracy, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

The Chair recessed the meeting into Executive Session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i), to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of a proposed action to which the county is or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county, and to review the performance of a public employee at 2:30 p.m., for approximately 20 minutes, until 2:50 p.m.

At 2:50 p.m., the Chair extended Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes until 3:00 p.m.

The Chair returned the Council to the meeting at 2:54 p.m. The Chair announced that the Council was going into another executive session on a matter unrelated to this item.

The Chair put the Council into a second separate executive session, the grounds for which were RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i) at 2:55 p.m. for 20 minutes until 3:15 p.m.

At 3:15 p.m., the Chair extended the second Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes to 3:25 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m., and the Council resumed discussion on this item 14.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and Perry

No: 2 - Dunn, and von Reichbauer

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0049](#)

A MOTION authorizing the chair of the King County council to sign letters to the chairs and vice chairs of the Washington state Senate and House of Representatives Transportation Committees, the Senate Ways and Means committee, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee related to the county's priorities in the state budget.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16954.

Councilmember Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Item 15 without referral to committee and to hold a public hearing. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Wendy Soohoo, Acting Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Counsel, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Balducci made a verbal motion to authorize Chair Perry to author and sign a third letter related to the topic of taxation policy with Executive Zahilay. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature