



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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, July 1, 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: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2026 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. 2026-0084](#)

A MOTION approving the King County youth diversion and intervention program report required by 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 108, Proviso P1, related to employment and education resources.

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the committee. Jen Tanaka, Acting Director, Children, Youth, and Young Adult Division (CYYAD), Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Jennifer Hill, Acting Deputy Director, CYYAD, DCHS, and Stephanie Trolen, Legal Services Supervisor, PAO, also briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0089](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Brian Flaherty, who resides in council district nine, to the public defense advisory board, representing the Washington Defender Association.

Brandi Paribello, Council staff, briefed the committee. Brian Flaherty, appointee to the Public Defense Advisory Board, provided comments on their background and interest on serving on the board 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: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0067](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to notification requirements for booking restrictions at King County adult detention facilities; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 2.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council staff, briefed the committee. Steve Larsen, Deputy Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.

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

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

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature