



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Councilmembers:

*Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Steffanie Fain, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn*

*Lead Staff: Gene Paul (206-477-9378)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)*

9:30 AM

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

2. **Roll Call**

Councilmember Perry and Councilmember Dembowski were also in attendance.

Present: 3 - von Reichbauer, Dunn and Fain

Excused: 1 - Balducci

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Fain moved approval of the April 24, 2026 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individuals provided public comment:

*Kevin Altheimer
Alex Tsimerman*

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0286](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a franchise agreement with HyperFiber of Washington, LLC, 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.

Terra Rose, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Chris Jaramillo, Cable Office Project/Program Manager, KCIT, and Bruce Hilton, Cable Office Project/Program Manager, KCIT, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was deferred.

Discussion Only

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0101](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the prevention, detection, and response to fraud, waste, and abuse of county-administered moneys, and creating an inspector general division within the office of public complaints.

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Jeremy Bell, Director, King County Ombuds Office, and Kymber Waltmunson, King County Auditor, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was deferred.

Briefings

7. [Briefing No. 2026-B0060](#)

Auditor on Fraud and Ethics Issues

Kymber Waltmunson, King County Auditor, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

8. [Briefing No. 2026-B0066](#)

Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee

Christopher Hays, Chair, Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Tania Mondaca, Local and Regional Affairs Special Projects Administrator, King County Council, also answered questions from the members.

Vice Chair Fain assumed the role of chair for this item.

This matter was presented.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature