



King County

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Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

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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, December 9, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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 December 1, 2025, Special Council meeting,
and December 2, 2025, Council meeting**

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, Special Council meeting, and December 2, 2025, Council meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

There were no additions.

6. Special Items**County Service Awards**

Executive Zahilay presented the following County Service Awards:

METRO TRANSIT DIVISION

Abdi Ibrahim - 20 years

Kevin E. Gumke - 20 years

Lyn Winfield - 20 years

Brandy Rettig - 25 years

Charles Lare - 20 years

Ernie Kirkland - 20 years

Derek Scarlett - 20 years

John Massoni - 25 years

Tzur Wilfand - 25 years

Kevin Friend - 30 years

Ryan Stringfellow - 35 years

EXECUTIVE

Lauren Smith - 30 years

ASSESSMENTS

Sara Franklin - 35 years

LOCAL SERVICES

JoAnn Kosai-Eng - 35 years

NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS

Gary Brown - 35 years

PUBLIC HEALTH

Karen McKinney - 20 years

Heather Fluegel - 30 years

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Ana Schoenecker - 20 years

Swearing In

Councilmember Dembowski was sworn in by Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council.

Councilmember Perry was sworn in by Judge Rebecca Robertson.

Councilmember von Reichbauer was sworn in by Judge Patrick Oishi.

Councilmember Dunn was sworn in by Judge Rebecca Robertson.

There will be one public hearing on Items 7-36 and 44

The following people spoke:

Hamdi Abdule

Joe Kunzler

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

Budget and Fiscal Management

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0291](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the county property tax levies for collection in 2026, and implementing RCW 84.55.120.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20025.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Striking Amendment S1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0292](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2026.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20026.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Striking Amendment S1. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Metropolitan King County Council**9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0353](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Coalition Labor Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Coalition of Unions representing employees in the departments of adult and juvenile detention, district court, and natural resources and parks; and establishing the effective date of the agreements.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20027.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Suzette Dickerson, Staff Representative, Washington State council of County and City Employees, Council 2, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Angela Marshall, Interim Director, Office of labor Relations, King County Executive Office, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Transportation, Economy, and Environment**10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0350**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of environmental attributes held by the county; authorizing the county to enter into an agreement for the sale of environmental attributes related to biomethane produced at the Cedar Hills regional landfill to Karbone Inc.

Sponsors: Quinn

The enacted number is 20028.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules on Proposed Ordinance 2025-0350 to relieve the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee of further consideration. The motion carried.

John Taylor, Director, Natural Resources and Parks, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Davis Broustis, Solid Waste Division, Natural Resources and Parks, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Wendy Soo Hoo, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**Consent Items 11-24****11. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0175**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the 2024 health through housing annual report, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 24.30.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and Balducci

The enacted number is 16910.

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

12. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0201.2](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the results of an analysis of racial disparities in response to infractions as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16911.

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

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0215](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Kathryn Hill, who resides in council district one, to the King County women's advisory board, as the district one representative.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16912.

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

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0230](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Buley, who resides in council district two, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16913.

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

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0231](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ellie Wang, who resides in council district nine, to the King County children and youth advisory board, as a youth representative.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 16914.

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

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0232](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Briyanna Stewart, who resides in council district eight, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16915.

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

Agenda.**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0233](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Asma Ahmed, who resides in council district four, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16916.

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

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0234](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Negin Khanloo, who resides in council district six, to the King County women's advisory board, as the district six representative.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16917.

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0239](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Yessica Osorio Duran, who resides in council district five, to the King County children and youth advisory board, as a youth representative.

Sponsors: Quinn

The enacted number is 16918.

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0240](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Megan Walsh, who resides in council district three, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16919.

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

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0242](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Dodd, who resides in council district six, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16920.

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

Agenda.

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0254](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jeni Johnson, who resides in council district eight, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative of unincorporated King County.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16921.

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

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0334](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Heidi Jackson, who resides in council district eight, to the King County community advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, representing unincorporated King County.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16922.

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

24. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0354.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Corin Goodwin to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative from the disability community.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16923.

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: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0371](#)

A MOTION appointing a candidate to fill the vacant position of County councilmember representing council district two, in accordance with Section 680.10 of the King County Charter and RCW 36.16.110(3).

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16928.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0371 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Cherryl Jackson-Williams made remarks and answered questions.

Nimco Bulale made remarks and answered questions.

Chair Perry recessed the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Chair Perry reconvened the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Rhonda Lewis made remarks and answered questions.

Chair Perry called the meeting into executive session at 4:40 p.m., for approximately 15 minutes, until 4:55 p.m. The grounds for the executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) are: To evaluate the qualification of a candidate for appointment to elective office. Candidate interviews and any final action will be taken in open session.

Chair Perry reconvened the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Councilmember Fain made an oral amendment to insert "Rhonda Lewis" in the blank on line 20. The motion carried.

Rhonda Lewis was sworn in by Judge Rebecca Robertson.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

26. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0372](#)

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040, and Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16929.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0372 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Barón made an oral amendment to strike "councilmember representing district two" on lines 35, 37, 41, 58, and 82, and insert "Rhonda Lewis".

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

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

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

27. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0374](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable Mayor-Elect Katie Wilson, to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16924.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0374 without referral to committee. 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: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

28. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0375](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, to the Sound Transit board of directors

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16925.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0375 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Barón moved Striking Amendment S1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

29. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0377](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable Steffanie Fain, King County councilmember, to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16926.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0377 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Barón moved Striking Amendment S1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

30. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0378](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable Teresa Mosqueda, King County councilmember, to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16927.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0378 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Barón moved Striking Amendment S1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

31. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0379](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable Mayor Thomas McLeod, mayor, city of Tukwila to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16909.

Vice Chair Barón made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0379 without referral to committee. The motion carried.

Mayor Thomas McLeod made remarks and answered questions.

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: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

Reappointment Consent Agenda 32-36

32. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0279](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Bob Elwell, who resides in council district seven, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee, city of Auburn representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16930.

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

33. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0336](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Daniel Kim, who resides in council district seven, to the King County conservation futures advisory committee, as a council at-large representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16931.

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

34. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0356](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Eileen Cody, who resides in council district eight, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as a council at-large representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16932.

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

35. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0373](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of the honorable King County councilmember Peter von Reichbauer to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16933.

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

36. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0376](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of the Honorable Angela Birney, mayor, city of Redmond, CCC to the Sound Transit board of directors.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16934.

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: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances**37. [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.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

38. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0368](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of 52nd Avenue South/Indiana Ave, V-2735; Petitioner: Whispering Woods Estates, LLC.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

39. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0228](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

40. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0318](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cynthia Dampier, who resides in council district seven, to the King County solid waste advisory committee, as a citizen representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

41. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0337](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

42. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0362](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the status of the language access plans required by Ordinance 18665, Section 6, in accordance with the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 17, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

43. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Recognition Presented in the Community

44. Recognition of Korean Consul General Eujin Seo for her outstanding leadership

Chair Perry announced that the recognition has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature