



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, May 12, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

Excused: 2 - Balducci and Mosqueda

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

Councilmember Perry led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2026 and May 5, 2026**

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2026, special meeting, and May 5, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

There were no additions.

6. **Special Item**

Proclamation of May 2026 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in King County

Councilmember Fain made remarks and presented the proclamation to Anna Lising, Vice Chair, Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA). Anna Lising made remarks and thanked the Council.

**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 6-8

*The following person spoke:
Yvette Dinish*

Local Services and Land Use

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0408.3](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to critical area regulations; amending the King County Comprehensive Plan; and amending Ordinance 15053, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.82.051, Ordinance 263, Article 2, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.010, Ordinance 3692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.200, Ordinance 10511, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.36.100, Ordinance 6949, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.44.040, Ordinance 18626, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.039, Ordinance 15051, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.072C, Ordinance 10870, Section 70, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.122, Ordinance 10870, Section 80, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.200, Ordinance 11481, Section 1, and K.C.C. 21A.06.253C, Ordinance 15051, Section 24, and K.C.C. 21A.06.254, Ordinance 10870, Section 123, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.415, Ordinance 15051, Section 41, and K.C.C. 21A.06.451, Ordinance 15051, Section 64, and K.C.C. 21A.06.578, Ordinance 15051, Section 107, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1331, Ordinance 10870, Section 176, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.680, Ordinance 10870, Section 190, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.750, Ordinance 10870, Section 243, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1015, Ordinance 10870, Section 288, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1240, Ordinance 10870, Section 314, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1370, Ordinance 10870, Section 323, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1391, Ordinance 10870, Section 321, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1405, Ordinance 10870, Section 448, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.010, Ordinance 10870, Section 449, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.020, Ordinance 15051, Section 137, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.045, Ordinance 15051, Section 138, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.051, Ordinance 15051, Section 140, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.061, Ordinance 10870, Section 454, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.070, Ordinance 10870, Section 456, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.090, Ordinance 14187, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.500, Ordinance 10870, Section 457, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 458, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.110, Ordinance 15051, Section 149, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.125, Ordinance 10870, Section 460, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.130, Ordinance 15051, Section 151, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.133, Ordinance 10870, Section 464, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.170, Ordinance 10870, Section 465, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.180, Ordinance 10870, Section 467, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.200, Ordinance 11621, Section 75, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.275, Ordinance 10870, Section 475, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.280, Ordinance 10870, Section 478, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.310, Ordinance 10870, Section 476, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.290, Ordinance 15051, Section 158, and K.C.C. 21A.24.205, Ordinance 11481, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.311, Ordinance 15051, Section 173, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.312, Ordinance 15051, Section 174, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.313, Ordinance 15051, Section 179, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.316, Ordinance 15051, Section 183, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.318, Ordinance 15051, Section 185, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.325, Ordinance 15051, Section 187, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.335, Ordinance 10870, Section 481, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.340, Ordinance 15051, Section 192, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.355, Ordinance 15051, Section 193, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.358, Ordinance 15051, Section 195, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.365, Ordinance 10870, Section 485, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.380, Ordinance 15051, Section 198, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.382, Ordinance 11621, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.385, Ordinance 11621, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.386, Ordinance 15051, Section 204, and K.C.C. 21A.24.388, Ordinance 16958, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.25.100, Ordinance 16985, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.25.110, Ordinance 3688, Section 415, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.25.150, Ordinance 16985, Section 39, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.25.160, Ordinance 3688, Section 414, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.190, Ordinance 16985, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.25.210, Ordinance 11168, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.045, Ordinance 10870, Section 534, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.060, Ordinance 15051, Section 228, and K.C.C. 21A.50.035, and Ordinance 17485, Section 50, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 21A.06, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 21A.24, recodifying K.C.C. 21A.06.578, K.C.C. 21A.06.1331, K.C.C. 21A.24.500, K.C.C. 21A.24.310, K.C.C. 21A.24.205, K.C.C. 21A.24.210, K.C.C. 21A.24.220, repealing Ordinance 15713, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.080, Ordinance 15051, Section 67, and K.C.C. 21A.06.628, Ordinance 15051, Section 139, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.055, Ordinance 17539, Section 47, as amended,

and K.C.C. 21A.24.072, Ordinance 15051, Section 152, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.137, Ordinance 10870, Section 461, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.140, Ordinance 11481, Sections 3 and 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.314, Ordinance 15051, Section 189, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.342, Ordinance 15051, Section 234, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.24.550, Ordinance 19820, Section 15, and Ordinance 19820, Section 16, and establishing effective dates.

Sponsors: Perry

On December 2, 2025, the King County Council adopted Ordinance 20024, concerning critical areas regulations and the 2025 King County Comprehensive Plan update. A portion of the updated regulations constitute elements of King County's Shoreline Master Program and requires approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology. A public hearing was held to supplement the record for Department of Ecology's consideration. The ordinance was advertised for a public hearing on May 12, 2026. The Council took no action on this item.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

Committee of the Whole

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0079](#)

A MOTION adopting the King County 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16972.

Mac Nicholson, Director, Government Relations, made remarks and briefed the Council.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1. 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 - Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 2 - Balducci, and Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0050](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Black Diamond Water System Plan dated Summer 2025.

Sponsors: Dunn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0090](#)

AN ORDINANCE renaming parcel 7812801985 of Skyway Park as Black Panther Park to honor the legacy of the local Black Panther Party chapter.

Sponsors: Lewis

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0119](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Harbor Island Studio Assessment Report required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 20, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0121](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to retail establishments; changing the effective date of the requirement that retailers in unincorporated King County, unless otherwise exempted, must accept payment in cash; and amending Ordinance 19639, Section 6, as amended.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0126](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to the King County employee code of ethics; and amending Ordinance 12014, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.017, Ordinance 1308, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.030, Ordinance 6144, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.035, Ordinance 9704, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.037, and Ordinance 1308, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.050.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0105](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sarah McCauley, who resides in council district nine, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0106](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ellen Walker, who resides in council district one, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative for position 15.

Sponsors: Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0115](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Juan Cotto, who resides in council district two, to the Washington state Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District board of directors.

Sponsors: Lewis

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

Rereferral

17. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0252

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the summary letter and completion of the online annual report requirement for the Crisis Care Centers Levy, in accordance with Ordinance 19572, Section 7.C.9, and Attachment A to Ordinance 19783, Section VIII.A.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This item is being rereferred as a nonmandatory dual referral first to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee and then to the Regional Policy Committee under K.C.C. 1.24.065.I as an issue that would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion.

This matter was Re-referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

18. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature