



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, January 6, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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 Fain led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2025, Council Meeting and December 29, 2025, Special Council Meeting

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Council meeting and the December 29, 2025, Special Council meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item**Recognition of Ken Jennings for his work on Jeopardy! and advocacy for cancer research.**

Councilmember von Reichbauer made remarks and presented a recognition to Ken Jennings. Ken Jennings 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 6-9

The following people spoke:

Joe Kunzler

Dan Ames

Randy Kessler

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

7. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0002

AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045, Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085, Ordinance 11683, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.155, and Ordinance 11683, Section 26, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.255; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20029.

Councilmember Baron made a motion to suspend the rules to hold a public hearing less than seven days after first reading pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.095 and a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee to K.C.C. 1.24.085.

Erin Auzins, Council Staff, 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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Employment and Administration Committee**8. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0351**

A MOTION reappointing Kymber Waltmunson to the position of King County auditor.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16936.

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

9. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0352

A MOTION reappointing Tamer Abouzeid as the director of the office of law enforcement oversight.

Sponsors: Perry

The Chair announced that Proposed Motion 2025-0352 would be deferred to the January 13, 2026, Council agenda, with an Executive Session being held today, January 6, 2026.

The Chair moved the meeting into Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, review the performance of a public employee, and discuss with legal counsel legal risks of a proposed action when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). at 2:10 p.m., for 20 minutes, until approximately 2:30 p.m. The Councilmembers left the dais and moved to the blue room to conduct the executive session.

The Chair extended Executive Session at 2:30 p.m for 20 minutes, until approximately 2:50 p.m.

The Chair extended Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. for 10 minutes, until approximately 3:00 p.m.

The Chair extended Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. for 10 minutes, until approximately 3:10 p.m.

The executive session ended and the Councilmembers moved from the blue room to dais. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred.

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0357

AN ORDINANCE related to establishing appropriate timelines necessary to complete midpoint updates to the King County Comprehensive Plan; and amending Ordinance 13147, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.18.030.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

11. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0360

AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County regional E-911 advisory governance board; amending Ordinance 18695, Section 2, and repealing Ordinance 18139, Section 4, and Ordinance 18695, Section 3.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

12. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0003

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Mark Newcomb for property located at 41710 SE 66th Street, Snoqualmie, WA 98065, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT001.

Sponsors: Perry

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

13. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0004

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Joseph and Dana Gagner for property located at 25504 SE 394th Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT002.

Sponsors: Perry

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

14. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0005

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Jeremy Calvert for property located north and abutting 14035 107th Way SW, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT003.

Sponsors: Perry

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

15. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0006

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Troy and Kristen Barrows for property located at 22332 SE 474th Street and 22531 SE 474th Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT004.

Sponsors: Perry

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

16. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0007

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Melissa Mohr and Eric Seidenberger for property located at 11705 SW 156th Street, Vashon, WA 98070, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT006.

Sponsors: Perry

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

17. Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0008

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Darrin and Sherry Qualls for property located 26244 SE 383th Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT008.

Sponsors: Perry

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0366

A MOTION adopting the 2025 King County Youth Action Plan.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

19. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0001

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Richa Malik, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the council district seven representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

Reintroductions of Ordinances

20. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0247](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of 200th Ave SE, V-2752; Petitioners: Young Kwon and Robyn Isaak-Kwon and Mutsumi Porter.

Sponsors: Upthegrove and Perry

This matter was Reintroduced

21. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0061](#)

AN ORDINANCE denying the vacation of a portion of 45th Ave S, V-2759; Petitioners: Terry L. Swanson and Dean B. Swanson.

Sponsors: Zahilay and Perry

This matter was Reintroduced

22. [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

This matter was Reintroduced

23. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0269](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Redmond Water System Plan dated May 2025.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter was Reintroduced

24. [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 was Reintroduced

Reintroductions of Motions

25. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0253

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

Sponsors: Dunn

This matter was Reintroduced

26. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0255

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who resides in council district nine, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County.

Sponsors: Dunn

This matter was Reintroduced

27. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0355

A MOTION confirming the appointment of _____ to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter was Reintroduced

28. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature