



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda 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 27, 2026

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilmember Dunn
4. **Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2026**
Councilmember Barón
5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**
6. **Special Items**

Proclamation of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in King County

Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember Dunn, and Councilmember Lewis

Recognition of Undersheriff Jesse Anderson upon his retirement

Councilmember Perry

7. **Public Comment**



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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 6-20 & 28

Consent Items 8-9

Councilmember Barón

8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0238.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a license agreement to support the operation of the department of public health.

Sponsors: Dembowski

On 8/19/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

On 1/14/2026, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent.

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0285](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the updated 2025-2030 King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Sponsors: Zahilay

On 9/23/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Local Services and Land Use Committee.

On 1/21/2026, the Local Services and Land Use Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.



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

Consent Items 10-19

Councilmember Barón

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0281](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Kazia Mermel, who resides in council district two, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee, city of Seattle representative.

Sponsors: Zahilay

On 9/23/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0282](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Kyle Wong, who resides in council district one, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee, participant sewer district representative.

Sponsors: Dembowski

On 10/7/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

On 1/13/2026, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0317](#)

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

Sponsors: Dunn

On 12/2/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.



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13. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0318.2](#)

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

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

On 12/9/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent.

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0319](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Tyler Morgan, who resides in council district one, to the King County solid waste advisory committee, as an agriculture representative.

Sponsors: Dembowski

On 11/18/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

On 1/13/2026, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0341](#)

A MOTION confirming the King County board of health's appointment of Karen Hartfield to serve as an alternate member representing public health, health care facilities, and providers for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

On 11/4/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Contingent on Committee Action.

Subject to a motion to suspend Rule 9.G.



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16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0346](#)

A MOTION relating to the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2021-2031 and King County Metro Transit Service Guidelines and accepting the King County Metro Transit 2025 System Evaluation.

Sponsors: Barón

On 11/4/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Regional Transit Committee.

On 11/19/2025, the Regional Transit Committee Recommended Do Pass.

On 1/20/2026, the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

On 1/20/2026, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.

17. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0370.2](#)

A MOTION related to council adoption of the King County Auditor's Office Work Program 2026-27.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

On 12/2/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

On 12/9/2025, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Deferred.

On 1/13/2026, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent.

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0012](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number one of the King County district court.

Sponsors: Barón

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Contingent on Committee Action.

Subject to a motion to suspend Rule 9.G.



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19. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0013](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number four of the King County district court.

Sponsors: Barón

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Contingent on Committee Action.

Subject to a motion to suspend Rule 9.G.



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First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee20. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0018](#)

A MOTION calling on Congress to ensure any funding bill for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security includes meaningful and significant guardrails and expressing support for specific guardrails.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

**SUBJECT TO A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE ACTION WITHOUT REFERRAL
TO COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO K.C.C. 1.24.085**

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances21. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0015](#)

AN ORDINANCE revising the corporate boundary of the city of Enumclaw to include the unincorporated portion of McHugh Avenue right-of-way as provided for in RCW 35A.21.210.

Sponsors: Dunn

First Reading and Referral to the Local Services and Land Use Committee



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First Reading and Referral of Motions

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0017](#)

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0011](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Heard as director of the King County department of information technology.

Sponsors: Barón

First Reading and Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Reintroductions of Ordinances

24. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0277](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to the contracting opportunities program and small contractor and supplier certification and criteria for participation; allowing for automatically qualifying firms certified by the Washington state Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises; allowing for removing minimum business-related training requirements to maintain certification; and amending Ordinance 13983, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.97.050.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

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Reintroductions of Motions

25. [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

First Reading and Referral to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

On 9/2/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

26. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0340](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Laura Zaichkin, who resides in council district eight, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district eight representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

First Reading and Referral to the Committee of the Whole

On 11/4/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Committee of the Whole.

27. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

Other Business

Proclamation Presented in the Community

28. **Proclamation of February 17, 2026, as Lunar New Year in King County**

Councilmember Balducci

Adjournment



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