



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Jorge L. Barón, Sarah Perry*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Auburn, Vice Chair;
Jay Arnold, Kirkland;
Armando Pavone, Renton; Lynne Robinson, Bellevue
Alternates: Dana Ralph, Kent; Jim Ribail, Carnation*

*City of Seattle: Debora Juarez, Eddie Lin
Alt: Dionne Foster, Alexis Mercedes Rinck*

*Lead Staff: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

11:00 AM

Monday, January 26, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Arnold, Backus, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Lin, Ralph and Ribail

Excused: 2 - Juarez and Robinson

3. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Backus moved approval of the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Consent

4. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0217

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the third annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids initiative, in accordance with Ordinance 19354.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Votes: Yes: 11 - von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Lin, Arnold, Backus, Pavone, and Ralph voting as alternate for Robinson who was excused.

No: 0

Excused: Robinson and Juarez

A motion was made by Mayor Backus that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Arnold, Backus, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Lin and Ralph

Excused: 3 - Juarez, Robinson and Ribail

5. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0237

A MOTION approving the 2024 annual mental illness and drug dependency evaluation summary report, in compliance with K.C.C. 4A.500.309.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

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Votes: Yes: 11 - von Reichbauer, Barón, Perry, Lin, Arnold, Backus, Pavone, and Ralph voting as alternate for Robinson who was excused.

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Excused: 3 - Juarez, Robinson and Ribail

Briefing

6. **Briefing No. 2026-B0004**

Selection of the RPC Vice Chair

Mayor Ralph nominated Mayor Backus and Mayor Robail nominated Councilmember Arnold, Councilmember Arnold declined his nomination.

The Committee appointed Mayor Backus as the vice chair. The motion passed unanimously.

This matter was Presented

7. **Briefing No. 2026-B0005**

RPC 2026 Work Plan

Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

8. **Briefing No. 2026-B0017**

Regional collaboration in 2026

The Honorable Katie Wilson, Mayor of Seattle, commented to the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature