



King County

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Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

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Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - ADDED ITEM 29

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1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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

Councilmember Dembowski led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2025**

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

Item 29 was added to the agenda.

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 6-14

The following person spoke:
Alex Tsimmerman

Law and Justice

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0016](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to the repeal of RCW 10.70.140; and amending Ordinance 17706, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.020.

Sponsors: Barón, Quinn and Zahilay

The enacted number is 19892.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

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

Consent Items 7-10

7. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0293.2](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the second of two reports on progress toward addressing the legal system backlog that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic, in response to the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16738.

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

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0284](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the proviso report on a crisis response program plan required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 21, as amended by Ordinance 19633, Section 17, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16739.

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

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0291](#)

A MOTION relating to mature forests in King County, acknowledging receipt of the first of two reports on mature forests in King County as required by Motion 16437 requesting the executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County and to transmit two reports.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16740.

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

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0001](#)

A MOTION relating to mature forests in King County, acknowledging receipt of the second of two reports on mature forests in King County as required by Motion 16437 requesting the executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County and to transmit two reports.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16741.

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 Perry that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0047](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive develop a risk assessment related to volatility in federal funding.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16742.

Councilmember Balducci made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Penny Lipsou, Director, Council Relations, made remarks.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Reappointment Consent Agenda Items 12-14

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0390](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Bruce Davis, who resides in council district eight, to the King County board of ethics.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16743.

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

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0025](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Srini Raghavan, who resides in council district three, to the King County Library System board of trustees.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16744.

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

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0027](#)

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

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16745.

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 Perry that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances**15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0409](#)**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31, 2033.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0048](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the revision of voting precincts of King County for the year 2025.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0401](#)**

A MOTION accepting the Records Collection and Retention Proviso Response Report, as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 121, as amended by Ordinance 19791, Section 60, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0416](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sercan Hepsener, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0417](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Wahid Bihroz, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0002](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of David Ellison, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Lake Management District No. 2 advisory committee, as the Lake Geneva Property Owners Association representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0003](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Colleen Short, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Lake Management District No. 2 advisory committee, as a representative of Lake Geneva property owners.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0015](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nandita Sharma, who resides in council district three, to the King County women's advisory board, as an executive at-large representative.

Sponsors: Perry

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

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0042](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council district six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority board of directors.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0051](#)

A MOTION appointing committees to write the voters' pamphlet statements for the April 22, 2025, special election regarding Ordinance 19884 providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County, at a special election on April 22, 2025, a proposition to reauthorize an expired regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive seven year period beginning in 2026 at the rate of not more than \$0.0275 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, with the 2026 levy amount being the base for computing maximum allowable levy amounts under chapter 84.55 RCW for years two through seven (2027-2032), for the purpose of funding the continued operation of the regional automated fingerprint identification system, also known as AFIS, which maintains expanded crime scene and arrest identification technology and services for all local criminal justice agencies in King County.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0052](#)

A MOTION extending the waiver of requirements for competitive bidding and solicitation requirements for contracts relating to the King County department of adult and juvenile detention distributed antenna system evaluation and corrections.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16746.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Steve Larsen, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, answered questions.

Stephen Heard, Chief Technology Officer, KCIT - Technology, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Lorraine Patterson-Harris, Director, Department of Executive Services, made remarks and answered questions.

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Reintroductions of Motions

26. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0228.2](#)

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

Sponsors: von Reichbauer and Mosqueda

This matter was Reintroduced

27. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0382](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Velma Veloria, who resides in council district two, to the King County International Airport roundtable, as the Beacon Hill community representative.

Sponsors: Zahilay and Quinn

This matter was Reintroduced

28. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

No reports were given.

Other Business

ADDED ITEM 29

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

29. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0053](#)

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: Zahilay and Dembowski

The enacted number is 16747.

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

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature