



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski  
Alternate:*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Vice Chair, Auburn;  
Angela Birney, Redmond;  
John Stokes, Bellevue; James McNeal, Bothell;  
Alternates: Armondo Pavone, Renton; Dana Ralph, Kent*

*City of Seattle: Andrew Lewis, Kshama Sawant  
Alternates: Lisa Herbold, Debora Juarez*

*Lead Staff: April Sanders ( 206-263-3412)  
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

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3:00 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 11 - Backus, Balducci, Birney, Dembowski, Lewis, McNeal, Stokes, von Reichbauer, Herbold, Pavone and Ralph

**Excused:** 1 - Sawant

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Mayor Backus moved approval of the December 7, 2022 special meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

## **Briefing**

4. **[Briefing No. 2023-B0004](#)**

Selection of vice chair

*Mayor Birney moved that Mayor Backus be appointed as the new vice chair. The motion passed unanimously.*

**This matter was Presented**

5. **[Briefing No. 2023-B0003](#)**

Public Health - Seattle & King County Update

*Dr. Faisal Khan, Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County, briefed the*

*Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2022-0399](#)

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on April 25, 2023, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive nine-year period, at a first year rate of not more than \$0.145 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection beginning in 2024, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating increases in years two through nine (2025 - 2032) by the limit factor in chapter 84.55 RCW, as amended, for regional behavioral health services and capital facilities to establish and operate a regional network of behavioral health crisis care centers; to preserve, expand and maintain residential treatment facilities; to provide behavioral health workforce supports; to provide mobile crisis care and post-discharge stabilization; to pay, finance or refinance costs of those projects; and for administration, coordination, implementation and evaluation of levy activities.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay, Kohl-Welles and Perry

*Miranda Leskinen, Wendy Soo Hoo, Sam Porter and Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), also answered questions from the members. Kendall Moore, Legal Counsel also commented and answered questions from the members.*

*Mayor Backus moved Striking amendment S1, the Striking was adopted as amended. CM Balducci moved A1, the amendment was adopted. CM von Reichbauer withdrawn A2. Mayor Backus moved A3, the amendment was adopted. CM von Reichbauer moved T1, the amendment was adopted.*

*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: 12 - von Reichbauer, Balducci, Dembowski, Backus, Birney, McNeal, Stokes, Lewis, and Herbold voting as alternate for Sawant who was excused.*

*No: 0  
Excused: Sawant*

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

**Yes:** 13.5 - Backus, Balducci, Birney, Dembowski, Lewis, McNeal, Stokes, von Reichbauer, Herbold, Pavone and Ralph

**Excused:** 1 - Sawant

## Other Business

*There was no other business to come before the Committee.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting ended when the zoom feed cut off at 4:14 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature