



# 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*

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1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*Chair Perry requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the community members who tragically lost their lives at the Bite of Seattle festival this past weekend.*

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

*Chair Perry led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Special Item****Recognition of “Freedom Plane: Documents That Forged a Nation”  
exhibit at MOHAI**

*Chair Perry and Councilmember Barón made remarks and presented the recognition to Anthony Long, Executive Associate & Board Relations Manager, Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI). Anthony Long made remarks and thanked the Council.*

**5. Public Comment**

*The following people spoke:*

*Tamra*

*Mark Rosenberger*

*Margaret Sekijima*

*Alex Tsimmerman*

*Glen Stockwell*

*Justina Guyott*

*Angela Deppe*

*Guadalupe Gonzalez*

*Michael Lee*

*Paul Lee*

*Nathan Hatch*

*Billy Hairston*

*Lassie Webster*

*Zac Pinard*

*Erin McCargar*

*Rich Voget*

*Shillan Khan*

*Swami*

*Swati Singh*

*iPhone*

*Veer Narain*

*Bhavanesh*

*Ben Jenkins*

*Joe Kunzler*

*Patrick Fry*

*Eddie Espinosa*

*Shubhpuneet Kaur*

*Sushravya Chandrakanth*

*Mitch Cory*

*Ritul Dwivedi*

*Radha Shiram*

*Kevin Altheimer*

*Tom Reeves*

*Kelly Amsbry*

*Rachel Demyan*

## 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 4-8 , 11-12, and 25

*The Public Hearing was held under Public Comment.*

### **Government Accountability and Oversight**

6. **[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0126.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE related to the King County employee code of ethics; and amending Ordinance 12014, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.017, Ordinance 1308, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.020, Ordinance 12014, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.030, Ordinance 6144, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.035, Ordinance 9704, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.037, and Ordinance 1308, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.050.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

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

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

*The enacted number is 20114.*

*Brandi Paribello, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Dunn moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

**Metropolitan King County Council****7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0189](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the memorandum of agreement negotiated by and between King County and PROTEC17, representing Engineering Services Manager employees in the department of natural resources and parks; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**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

*The enacted number is 20115.*

*Erica Newman, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

**8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0196](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Coalition Labor Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Coalition of Unions representing employees in the department of natural resources and parks, the department of local services, and the department of executive services; and establishing the effective date of the agreements.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**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

*The enacted number is 20116.*

*Erica Newman, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

## Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0091.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Deborah Mallery and John Van Wieringen for property located at 26218 SE 464th St, Enumclaw, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT005.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

*The enacted number is 20117.*

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0120.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of County Road No. 393/SJ Twiss Rd, Enumclaw, file no. V-2776; Petitioner/s: Alexis and Devin Jones and Garth Cook.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

*The enacted number is 20118.*

## **Passed On The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fain that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

### Consent Item 11

#### 11. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0115](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Juan Cotto, who resides in council district two, to the Washington state Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District board of directors.

**Sponsors:** Lewis and Dembowski

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*The enacted number is 16999.*

### Employment and Administration Committee

#### 12. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0197](#)

A MOTION approving the job description for the position of inspector general.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski and Perry

**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, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 17000.*

*Councilmember Barón made a motion to relieve the Employment and Administration Committee of further consideration pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.125. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0203](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the source separation, collection, and management of organics for certain businesses located in unincorporated King County; amending Ordinance 8101, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.04.020, adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 10, prescribing penalties, and establishing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda, Fain, von Reichbauer and Dembowski

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

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

### 14. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0158](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Geoffrey Thomas, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

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

### 15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0176](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the facility closure notification plan as required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 110, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Fain

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

### 16. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0182](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Priscilla Wong, who resides in council district six, to the King County Access paratransit advisory committee.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

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

**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0186](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Samuel Hawkins, who resides in council district five, to the King County community advisory committee for law enforcement oversight, as an at-large representative.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski and Fain

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.**

**18. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0190](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jaime Fajardo, who resides in council district three, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative from the Puget Sound Educational Service District.

**Sponsors:** Perry

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

**19. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0191](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Marc Oommen, who works in council district six, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

**Sponsors:** Balducci

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

**20. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0192](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Claire Sumadiwiry, who resides in council district six, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a representative of the city of Bellevue.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

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

**21. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0194](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Harborview board of trustees pertaining to the county hospital tax operating spending plan, as required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 102, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Barón

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

**22. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0195**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report pertaining to Harborview Medical Center Medicaid Reserve spending plans, as required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 102, Proviso P4.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.**

**23. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0202**

A MOTION relating to public transportation; acknowledging receipt of the Cashless Fare Engagement Report submitted in response to the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 116, Proviso P10.

**Sponsors:** Fain

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

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

*No reports were given.*

## Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community

### 25. Proclamation Celebrating August 15, 2026, as India's 80th Independence Day

*Chair Perry announced that the Proclamation has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.*

**Chair Perry announced the nominees for the Council-nominated at-large vacancy on the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee. The names of the nominees are:**

**Ellen Scheffer  
Jamie Stroble  
Masra Clamoungou  
Jane Boies**

**Vice Chair Barón made remarks about the tragedy at the Bite of Seattle.**

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.*

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

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Clerk's Signature