



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Meeting Minutes Employment and Administration Committee

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;
Sarah Perry, Vice-Chair; Jorge L. Barón, Teresa Mosqueda*

*Staff: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff (206-477-6023)
Melani Hay: Committee Clerk (206-477-1025)*

2:00 PM

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 4 - Zahilay, Perry, Mosqueda and Barón

3. **Approval of Minutes of July 1 and July 22, 2025**

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, and July 22, 2025, meetings as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Consent Item 4

4. **[Proposed Motion No. 2025-0258](#)**

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Hilary De La Cruz to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a King County registered voter.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

Yes: 4 - Zahilay, Perry, Mosqueda and Barón

Discussion and Possible Action

5. **[Proposed Motion No. 2025-0259](#)**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of John Rodriguez to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative of the Spanish-speaking community.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

John Rodriguez made remarks and answered questions.

Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Counsel, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

Councilmember Barón made an oral amendment to insert "John Rodriguez" on Lines 4, 18, and 22.

Councilmember Barón made an oral amendment to insert "King County Council's Employment and Administration Committee" on Line 4.

Councilmember Barón made an oral amendment to insert "John Rodriguez" on Line 1.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent Expedited. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Zahilay, Perry, Mosqueda and Barón

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0257](#)

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for chief legal counsel to the King County council.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

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

Yes: 4 - Zahilay, Perry, Mosqueda and Barón

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0256](#)

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for assistant chief legal counsel to the King County council.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

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

Yes: 4 - Zahilay, Perry, Mosqueda and Barón

Briefings

8. Meeting Materials Analysis

Jeana Kats, Clarity Consulting, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council, made remarks.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, made remarks.

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

Sam Porter, Council Staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

This matter was presented.

9. Employee Engagement Survey Results

Janine Weihe, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

This matter was presented.

10. Human Resources Update

This matter was not presented.

11. Chief of Staff Update

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions.

This matter was presented.

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature