King County

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;
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, August 26, 2025** | **Hybrid Meeting**

REVISED AGENDA - ITEM 13 & 16

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The Council values community input and looks forward to hearing from you. Testimony must be limited to items listed on the agenda for council action, unless it's the fourth Tuesday of the month, when the Council will hear general comment on matters relating to county government. You are not required to sign up in advance.

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1. In person: You may attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers.

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Webinar ID: 890 5838 1493

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3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See "Connecting to the Webinar" above.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:58 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 Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Public Comment

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 6-9

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimerman
Jose Ortuzar
Joe Kunzler
Denise Stiffarm

Local Services and Land Use

7. **Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0127.2**

AN ORDINANCE relating to school impact fees; amending Ordinance 13147, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.18.060, Ordinance 11621, Section 89, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.28.152, Ordinance 11621, Section 90, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.28.154, Ordinance 11621, Section 91, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.28.156, Ordinance 11621, Section 112, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.43.030, Ordinance 11621, Section 114, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.43.050, and Ordinance 11621, Section 117, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.43.080, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 21A.43, and repealing Ordinance 10870, Section 292, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1260, and Ordinance 11621, Attachment A.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 19965.

Erin Auzins, Policy Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council.

Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Counsel, answered questions.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Amendment 2B.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1 to 2B. The motion carried.

Voting on Amendment 2B as amended, the motion carried

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Amendment 3. The motion carried.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Amendment 4B.

Councilmember Quinn moved Amendment 1 to 4B. The motion carried.

Voting on Amendment 4B as amended, the motion carried

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Title Amendment T3. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

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8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0227

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting a memorandum of agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee of Unions regarding insured benefits for represented benefits-eligible employees identified by King County deemed eligible to receive these benefits; and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19966.

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

Sasha Alessi, Labor Relations Manager, Office of Labor Relations, King County Executive Office, made remarks and thanked the Council.

Maria Williams, President and Director of Representation, Teamsters Local Union No. 117; Co-Chair, Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee, made remarks and thanked the Council.

Michael Gonzales, Senior Business Agent, General Teamsters Union, Local 174; Co-Chair, Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee, made remarks and thanked the Council.

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

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9. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0248

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Sheryl Whitney, who resides in council district six, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district six representative.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16869.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. 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 Motions

10. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0233

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

Sponsors: Barón

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

11. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0256

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

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

12. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0257

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

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

13. 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

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

14. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0259

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

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

15. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

Other Business

16. Labor Policy Committee

The Chair recessed the meeting at 3:05 p.m. for 20 minutes until approximately 3:25 p.m. for a closed session to discuss issues relating to the planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining or professional negotiations. The grounds for a closed session are in compliance with RCW 42.30.140(4).

The Chair announced the closed meeting would be extended 10 minutes at 3:25 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature