



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Law and Justice Committee

Councilmembers:
Rhonda Lewis, Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Vice-Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Teresa Mosqueda

Lead Staff: Leah Krekel-Zoppi (206-477-0892)
Co-Lead Erica Newman (206-477-7543)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)

9:30 AM

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES - REVISED AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0040](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of public defense standards for indigent defense; amending Ordinance 17588, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.026 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.60.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Matthew Sanders, Director, Department of Public Defense, Jeff Muhm, Special Advisor to the Executive Leadership Team, King County Executive's Office, and Kendall Moore, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, King County Council, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0027](#)

AN ORDINANCE limiting the use of King County-owned and controlled property; amending Ordinance 18665, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.005 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.15.

Gene Paul, Council Staff, briefed the committee. Misha Werschkul, Deputy Director of Policy and Innovation, Office of the Executive, also addressed the committee.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Striking Amendment S1. The Amendment was adopted.

Amendment 1 to Striking Amendment S1 was not offered.

Amendment 2 to Striking Amendment S1 was not offered.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.

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

Yes: 5 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature