



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Regional Policy Committee

*Councilmembers: Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;  
Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay  
Alternate: Sarah Perry*

*Sound Cities Association: Nancy Backus, Auburn, Vice Chair;  
Jay Arnold, Kirkland;  
Angela Birney, Redmond; Armondo Pavone, Renton  
Alternates: Dana Ralph, Kent; Debra Srebnik, Kenmore*

*City of Seattle: Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck  
Alternates: Sara Nelson, Mark Solomon*

*Lead Staff: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)  
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

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3:00 PM

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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### DRAFT MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Arnold, Backus, Dembowski, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Zahilay, Ralph and Srebnik

**Excused:** 3 - Birney, Juarez and Mercedes Rinck

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Mayor Backus moved approval of the July 9, 2025 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

## **Briefing**

4. **[Briefing No. 2025-B0125](#)**

Discussion on Regional Changes

*Dr. Carver Gayton, Author, Odyssey of a Seattle Native Son, was present to brief and answer questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

5. **[Briefing No. 2025-B0124](#)**

Solid Waste Long-Term Disposal Plan Update

*Rebecca Singer, Director, Solid Waste Division, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (SWD/DNRP), and John Walsh, Strategy, Communications &*

*Performance Section Manager, SWD/DNRP, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0175](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the 2024 health through housing annual report, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 24.30.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda and Balducci

*Olivia Brey, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Sunaree Marshall, Acting Division Director, Housing and Community Development Division and Jelani Jackson, Initiative Manager, Health Through Housing, Housing and Community Development Division, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Also present was Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community & Human Services, answered questions from the members.*

*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: 10 von Reichbauer, Dembowski, Zahilay, Arnold, Backus, Pavone, and Ralph voting as an alternate for Birney who was excused.

No: 0

Excused: Birney, Juarez and Rinck

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

**Yes:** 10 - Arnold, Backus, Dembowski, Pavone, von Reichbauer, Zahilay, Ralph and Srebnik

**Excused:** 3 - Birney, Juarez and Mercedes Rinck

## Briefing

### 7. [Briefing No. 2025-B0118](#)

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Renewal Proposal Briefing

*Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members. Susan McLaughlin, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community & Human Services and Isabel Jones, Department Division Director, BHRD, Community & Human Services answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.*

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

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Clerk's Signature