



King County

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Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

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Girmay Zahilay, Vice Chair of Policy Development and
Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Zahilay

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

Councilmember Dembowski led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2024**

Councilmember Dembowski moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

There were no additions to the Agenda.

6. **Special Item**

Proclamation of April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci made remarks, read the Proclamation of April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in King County, and introduced Kate Krug, Chief Executive Officer, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, and Amarinthia Torres, Co-Executive Director, Policy. Kate Krug and Amarinthia Torres made remarks and thanked the Council.

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 6-24, 39-40

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimerman

Jeremy

The Change Program

Metropolitan King County Council

7. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0102](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117, representing transit capital unit manager and supervisory employees in the Metro transit department in the capital division and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council.

The enacted number is 19752.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, and Upthegrove

Excused: 2 - von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Budget and Fiscal Management

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0022](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a license agreement to support the operation of the department of public health; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Councilmember Dembowski moved to relieve the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee of further consideration and to take action on Proposed Ordinance 2024-0022. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Sam Porter, Policy staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Perry moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

The enacted number is 19753.

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, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Zahilay

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

Consent Items

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0010](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a reimagining transit safety and security report, in response to the 2023-24 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 114, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16554.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0046](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Michael Byun, who works in council district two, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16555.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0057](#)

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

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16556.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0058](#)

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

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16557.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0059](#)

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

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16558.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0060](#)

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

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16559.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0061](#)

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

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16560.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0062](#)

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

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16561.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0072](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Hafsa Azaz, who resides in council district three, to the King County women's advisory board, as a council at-large representative.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16562.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0073](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Hend Alhinnawi, who resides in council district six, to the King County women's advisory board, as a council at-large representative.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16563.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Zahilay

Budget and Fiscal Management**19. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0081.2](#)**

A MOTION setting the county's priorities for the 2025 Annual Budget.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

The enacted number is 16564.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Zahilay

Committee of the Whole**20. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0090.2](#)**

A MOTION adopting the King County 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

The enacted number is 16565.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Motion be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, and Upthegrove

Excused: 2 - von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Employment and Administration Committee**21. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0095.2](#)**

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 15998, Section I, as amended, and OR 3-120.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

The enacted number is 16566.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Motion be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, and Upthegrove

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 2 - von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Law and Justice**22. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0037.2](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the second of two reports on the strategic planning process for the future of secure juvenile detention in King County, in accordance with Ordinance 19546, Section 106, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16567.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, and Upthegrove

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 2 - von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Reappointment Consent Agenda

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0105](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of David Bain, who resides in council district one, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district one representative.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16568.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0107](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Deborah Natelson, who resides in council district five, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district five representative.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16569.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, and Upthegrove

Excused: 2 - von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

25. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0110](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Service Employees International Union Local 925, representing Involuntary Commitment Specialists employees working in the Crisis and Commitment Services section in the department of community and human services, and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

26. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0111](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a new lease to support the operation of the department of public health.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

27. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0112](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of an amendment to an existing lease to support the operation of the department of public health.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

28. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0113](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the convening of the King County board of appeals and equalization; and amending Ordinance 6444, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.34.030.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

29. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0114](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the qualifications for the members and clerk of the King County board of appeals and equalization; and amending Ordinance 6444, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.34.020 and Ordinance 6444, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.34.040.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

30. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0116](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance from time to time of limited tax general obligation notes (commercial paper) of the county in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 outstanding at any time to provide funding to finance or refinance county capital projects; providing for the form, terms and covenants of such notes; providing for the sale of the notes in one or more series from time to time; delegating authority to approve the issuance and sale of such notes within specified parameters, to select one or more commercial paper dealers and to execute mode agreements, dealer agreements, credit enhancement, liquidity facility, and related documents; and pledging the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on notes issued under this ordinance.

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

31. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0080](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the new civil protection order procedure report as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 35, Proviso P1.B.

Sponsors: Barón

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

32. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0101](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Radhe Morgan, who resides in council district four, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: Barón

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

33. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0104](#)

A MOTION declaring the intent of the King County Council to maintain operations of the Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

34. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0106](#)

A MOTION confirming three corrected appointments for the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board of directors; and rescinding Motion 16043, Motion 16451, and Motion 16494.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

35. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0108](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sarah Brusig, who resides in council district five, to the King County women's advisory board, as the district five representative.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

36. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0109](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jennifer Ramirez Robson, who resides in council district five, to the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board's vulnerable populations committee, as the district five representative.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

Rereferral of Ordinances**37. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0374.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the veterans, seniors, and human services levy advisory board; and amending Ordinance 18792, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.300.540.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This item was rereferred from a dual referral to Regional Policy Committee and Committee of the Whole to a dual referral to Regional Policy Committee and Health and Human Services Committee.

This is mandatory referral to the Regional Policy Committee as set forth in King County Charter Section 270.30 and KCC 1.24.065.

This matter was Re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee

38. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)**Recognitions Presented in the Community**

Chair Upthegrove announced that the Proclamation of April 7-13, 2024, as National Library Week in King County, and the Proclamation of April 15-19, 2024, as Black Wellness Week in King County have been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.

39. Proclamation of April 7-13, 2024, as National Library Week in King County**40. Proclamation of April 15-19, 2024, as Black Wellness Week in King County**

Other Business

Labor Policy Committee

The Chair convened the Labor Policy Committee at 2:52 p.m. and introduced Patti Cole-Tindall, King County Sheriff, Sasha Alessi, Labor Relations Manager at King County Office of Labor Relations, Jesse Anderson, Undersheriff at King County Sheriff's Office, and Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff at King County Sheriff's Office. Patti Cole-Tindall, Sasha Alessi, Jesse Anderson, and Geoffrey Thomas briefed the Council, and answered questions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature