



King County

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516 Third Avenue
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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, June 10, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:30 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 Dembowski led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item

Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Awards**Council Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, 8**

Councilmember Dembowski made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Ana Mari Cauce. Dr. Ana Mari Cauce made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Barón made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Jen Muzia. Jen Muzia made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Quinn made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Reverend Terrence Proctor. Reverend Terrence Proctor made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Mosqueda made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to Michelle Lang-Raymond. Michelle Lang-Raymond made remarks and thanked the Council.

Councilmember Balducci made remarks and presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award to the family of Helena Stephens; Alec Stephens, Jr., partner and husband of 34 years; and Dominique Stephens, daughter. Alec Stephens, Jr., 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 7-11 and 21

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Beth Bazley

Joe Kunzler

Amarinthia Torres

Consent Items 7

7. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0089](#)**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an airspace lease agreement with the Washington state Department of Transportation for land and facilities in the State Route 520 interchange at Montlake Boulevard for a term of twenty years with the possibility of two twenty-year extensions; and to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of the lease.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 19941.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Ordinance 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

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

Consent Items 8-9

8. **[Proposed Motion No. 2025-0136](#)**

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Stephen Heard as acting director of the King County department of information technology.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number 16825.

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

9. **[Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0140.2](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Matthew Sanders as county public defender.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16826.

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Committee of the Whole**10. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0088**

A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16827.

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

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion 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

11. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0146

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Charles Parkins as director of the juvenile division with the department of adult and juvenile detention.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16828.

Councilmember Perry made a motion to relieve the Committee of the Whole in order to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0146. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Allan Nance, Director, Adult and Juvenile Detention, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Charles Parkins made remarks, answered questions, and thanked the Council.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Passed. 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 Ordinances

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0158](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 19862, adopted by the council on November 19, 2024, which authorized the issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds of the county; and amending Ordinance 19862, Sections 1, 2, 4, 13, 17, and 19 and repealing Ordinance 19862, Attachment B.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0159](#)

AN ORDINANCE making a net supplemental appropriation of \$103,171,000 to various general fund agencies, a net supplemental appropriation of \$140,221,000 to various non-general fund agencies and a net supplemental appropriation of \$173,447,701 from various capital fund budgets; and amending the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Sections 16, 18, 20, 29, 32, 33, 35, 41, 42, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 64, 71, 80, 90, 90, 94, 97, 98, 103, 104, 107, 109, 109, 110, 114, 115, 115, 121, 123, and 130, as amended, and Attachment A, as amended, and adding new section to Ordinance 19861.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0163](#)

AN ORDINANCE that adopts the Harborview Medical Center 2026 Capital Improvement Program Annual Budget for the year ending June 30, 2026, and makes appropriations for the capital improvements for the Harborview Medical Center.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0164](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to existing regional transportation boards, including the SeaShore Transportation Forum, the Eastside Transportation Partnership, and the South County Area Transportation Board; authorizing the executive to enter into agreements for their continuation and committing to King County staff support through 2028.

Sponsors: Quinn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0166](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, representing transit administrative support employees in the Metro transit department; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0169](#)

AN ORDINANCE imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent, as authorized in Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025 for criminal justice purposes; providing for the use of the sales and use tax proceeds for eligible expenditures; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.500.

Sponsors: Zahilay and Dembowski

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0157](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Ballentine, who resides in council district five, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: Quinn

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0168](#)

A MOTION relating to public transportation, approving the 2025 King County Metro Transit Title VI Program Report.

Sponsors: Quinn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

20. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

No reports were given.

Other Business

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0162](#)

A MOTION expressing no confidence in the ability of John Arthur Wilson to continue to carry out the duties of King County assessor and calling for John Arthur Wilson's immediate resignation.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enactment number is 16829.

The Chair recessed the meeting into Executive Session under to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i) to review the performance of a public employee and discuss with legal counsel, legal risks of a proposed action to which the county is or is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county, at 3:32 p.m for 15 minutes, until 3:47 p.m.

At 3:47 p.m. the Chair extended Executive Session for 10 minutes, until 3:57 p.m.

At 3:57 p.m. the Chair extended Executive Session for 10 minutes, until 4:07 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Councilmember Balducci made an oral amendment, on line 44, after "The", delete "members of the".

Councilmember Balducci made an oral amendment, on Line 44 after "council", delete "have", and insert "has".

Councilmember Balducci made an oral amendment, on Line 45, after "and", delete "thereby call", and insert "therefore calls".

Seeing no objection, the amendments carried.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Dunn

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature