



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Sarah Perry, Chair;
Jorge Barón, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Steffanie Fain,
Rhonda Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2026

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

**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 6-11

The following people spoke:

Kevin Altheimer

Alex Tsimerman

Committee of the Whole

6. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0073.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to organization of administrative offices and executive departments; and amending Ordinance 17402, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.10.400, Ordinance 12550, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.14.020, Ordinance 18665, Section 6, and K.C.C. 2.15.030, Ordinance 20048, Section 6, and K.C.C. 2.15.060, Ordinance 18665, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.100, Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025, Ordinance 18793, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.036, Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055, Ordinance 18086, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.136, Ordinance 12076, Section 38, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.040, Ordinance 19770, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.31.030, Ordinance 17699, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.100, Ordinance 12901, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.41.030, Ordinance 18811, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.42.150, Ordinance 18798, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.47.010, Ordinance 12058, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.55.010, Ordinance 18653, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.78.020, Ordinance 18653, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2.78.070, Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010, Ordinance 19008, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.150.050, Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350, Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020, Ordinance 18757, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12D.020, Ordinance 8658, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040, Ordinance 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055, Ordinance 12076, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.04.020, Ordinance 12076, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.10.050, Ordinance 17293, Section 90, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.10.495, Ordinance 12045, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.040, Ordinance 17929, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.070, Ordinance 17929, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.080, Ordinance 620, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.100, Ordinance 12076, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.110.010, Ordinance 17930, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.130.020, Ordinance 15556, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.190, Ordinance 19841, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.213, Ordinance 19786, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.266, Ordinance 18662, Section 5, and K.C.C. 4A.200.317, Ordinance 18938, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.405, Ordinance 15961, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.570, Ordinance 17527, Section 69, and K.C.C. 4A.200.580, Ordinance 12076, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.590, Ordinance 14596, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.620, Ordinance 10159, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.27A.120, Ordinance 13981, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.010, Ordinance 13981, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.030, Ordinance 13981, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.040, Ordinance 13981, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.050, Ordinance 13981, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.060, Ordinance 13981, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.070, Ordinance 13981, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.080, Ordinance 13981, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.090, Ordinance 7430, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.020, Ordinance 7430, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.040, Ordinance 7430, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.050, Ordinance 7430, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.060, Ordinance 7430, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.070, Ordinance 7430, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.080, Ordinance 15399, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.085, Ordinance 7430, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.090, Ordinance 13263, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.097, Ordinance 19762, Section 12, and K.C.C. 12.18B.030, Ordinance 5280, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.020, Ordinance 5280, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.070, Ordinance 5280, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.080, Ordinance 5280, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.090, Ordinance 10469, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.095, Ordinance 5280, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.100, Ordinance 5280, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.120, Ordinance 10469, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.122, Ordinance 10469, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.124, Ordinance 10469, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.133, Ordinance 13263, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.150, Ordinance 8625, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.020, Ordinance 8625, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.040, Ordinance 8625, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.050, Ordinance 8625, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.060, Ordinance 8625, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.070, Ordinance 8625, Section 8, as

amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.080, Ordinance 15399, Section 59, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.085, Ordinance 8625, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.090, Ordinance 15399, Section 54, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.095, Ordinance 13147, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.18.110, Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.040, Ordinance 19881, Section 164, and K.C.C. 21A.08.055, Ordinance 10870, Section 337, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.100, Ordinance 14045, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.14.225, Ordinance 16267, Section 62, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.28.154, Ordinance 17287, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.55.105, and Ordinance 8867, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 26.12.010 and repealing Ordinance 15378, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.36.060.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 20082.

Chair Perry announced there would be a one-week delay on Proposed Ordinance 2026-0073.

Councilmember Dunn and Councilmember Mosqueda objected.

Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Counsel, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Chair Perry made a motion to overrule the motion for a one week delay. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn moved to recuse Councilmember Barón from voting on Proposed Ordinance 2026-0073. The motion carried.

Sam Porter, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Garrett Holbrook, Council Relations Manager, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 1. The motion failed.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

No: 1 - Balducci

Excused: 1 - Barón

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

Consent Items 7-9

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0081](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Susan McLaughlin as director of the King County department of community and human services.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and Dembowski

The enacted number is 16979.

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

8. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0129.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Cynthia McNabb to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16980.

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

9. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0130.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Steve Cho to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative of the Korean-speaking community.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16981.

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 Barón that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Health, Housing, and Human Services**10. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0111](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on maintaining Medicaid retention in King County, in accordance with the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 17, Proviso P9.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16982.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Reappointment Consent Agenda Item 11**11. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0140](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Leah Tischler, who resides in council district four, to the King County solid waste advisory committee, representing a public interest group.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16983.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0147](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the King County 2026-2029 Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan.

Sponsors: Barón

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

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0151](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving an application for current use assessment for public benefit rating system, submitted by Jeremy and Kristin Tinder, Meredith Mullaley and Gregory Bilslan and Kathleen King for properties located at 6505, 6603 and 6515 282nd Avenue SE, Issaquah, WA 98027, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT024.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Hearing Examiner.

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0154](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Coalition Labor Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Coalition of Unions representing employees in the King County sheriff's office; and establishing the effective date of the agreements.

Sponsors: Perry

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0122](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sandra Pailca, who resides in council district four, to the board of ethics, filling an executive-nominated position.

Sponsors: Barón

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

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0123](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nancy Salguero McKay, who resides in council district seven, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0124](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ranil Herath, who resides in council district nine, to the King County Library System board of trustees.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0139](#)

A MOTION authorizing the King County executive to accept a donation of real property, appraised by the King County department of assessments at one hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars, located near Newaukum creek in unincorporated King County, for fish, wildlife, and wetland habitat preservation and restoration purposes.

Sponsors: Dunn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0155](#)

A MOTION approving the county legislative authority consultation form in support of the proposed opioid treatment program facility in council district 5.

Sponsors: Fain

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

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

Other Business

In accordance with KCC 3.04.080, Chair Perry Noted that the Board of Ethics has two council nominated term positions expiring July 31, 2026, and she requested that colleagues submit nominations to fill the positions. Councilmembers may nominate an individual by sending an email with the completed application forms to the Chair's office by Monday, June 22, 2026. All nominations will be announced at the June 23, 2026, Council meeting and forwarded to the Executive.

Chair Perry announced her intent to relieve the Committee of the Whole on Proposed Motion 2026-0155, and take action at the June 23, 2026, Council meeting, in order to meet the deadline extension granted by the Department of Health.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature