



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Jorge Barón, Chair

Claudia Balducci, Vice Chair;

Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Steffanie Fain, Rhonda Lewis,

Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry, Pete von Reichbauer

Lead Staff: Andy Micklow (206-263-3226)

Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the November 3, 2025 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

There was no one present to provide public comment.

Discussion and Possible Action

5. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0001

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Richa Malik, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the council district seven representative.

Andy Micklow, Council staff, briefed the committee. Dorothy Teeter, HMC Trustee, and Richa Malik, appointee, answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by von Reichbauer that this Motion be recommended do pass consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0340

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Laura Zaichkin, who resides in council district eight, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district eight representative.

Andy Micklow, Council staff, briefed the committee. Dorothy Teeter, HMC Trustee, and Laura Zaichkin, appointee, answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Mosqueda that this Motion be recommended do pass consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0341

A MOTION confirming the King County board of health's appointment of Karen Hartfield to serve as an alternate member representing public health, health care facilities, and providers for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Olivia Brey, Council staff, briefed the committee. Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator, Public Health—Seattle & King County, answered questions from the members.

This item was expedited to the January 27, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

A motion was made by Mosqueda that this Motion be recommended do pass consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0012

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number one of the King County district court.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Bardi Martin, candidate, and Andrew Repanich, candidate, answered questions from the members.

The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:58 AM for 12 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The meeting returned to regular session at 11:10 AM.

Vice Chair Balducci presented a verbal amendment to add the name "Bardi Martin" to the blank space on page 2, line 27. There being no objections, the amendment was adopted.

This item was expedited to the January 27, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

A motion was made by Balducci that this Motion be recommended do pass substitute consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Proposed Motion No. 2026-0013

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the West division, West electoral district, judge position number four of the King County district court.

Erica Newman, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Bardi Martin, candidate, and Yvonne Chin, candidate, answered questions from the members.

The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:58 AM for 12 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The meeting returned to regular session at 11:10 AM.

Vice Chair Balducci presented a verbal amendment to add the name "Yvonne Chin" to the blank space on page 2, line 28. There being no objections, the amendment was adopted.

This item was expedited to the January 27, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

A motion was made by Balducci that this Motion be recommended do pass substitute consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature