



King County

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Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

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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, July 15, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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 Perry led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes July 8, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

6. Special Item**Proclamation of July 2025 as Disability Pride Month in King County**

Councilmember Balducci made remarks, presented the proclamation, and introduced Ariele Belo, Co-Director, Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center. Ariele Belo 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 6-12

The following people spoke:

Jessica Castellanos

Joe Kunzler

Joe Thompson

Consent Item 7

7. **[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0158.2](#)**

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

The enacted number is 19954.

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

Budget and Fiscal Management**8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0137](#)**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000 to provide funds for acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewer system and to pay the costs of issuing such bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of junior lien sewer revenue refunding bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation refunding bonds (payable from sewer revenues) of the county to refund outstanding obligations of the county payable from sewer revenues and to pay the costs of issuing such refunding bonds; reauthorizing the county's existing commercial paper notes issued for sewer system purposes, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 outstanding at any time; pledging sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on junior lien sewer revenue bonds issued under this ordinance; pledging the annual levy of taxes and an additional pledge of sewer revenues to pay the principal of and interest on multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) issued under this ordinance; delegating authority to the county's Finance Director to approve the issuance and sale of junior lien sewer revenue bonds and multi-modal limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) within specified parameters, to remarket and authorize the conversion of the interest rate mode of the bonds, to select one or more remarketing agents and/or commercial paper dealers and enter into, amend, extend or replace mode agreements, dealer agreements, credit enhancements, liquidity facilities, and related documents, as applicable; providing for the form, terms and covenants of the bonds issued under this ordinance; and provided for other matters relating thereto.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 19955.

Andy Micklow, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Carol Basile, Public Finance Officer, Finance and Business Operations Division, made remarks.

Rob Shelley, Managing Director, Piper Sandler, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Stacey Lewis, Bond Counsel, Pacifica, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Courtney Black, Chief Financial Officer, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Balducci requested a one week delay.

Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Balducci withdrew the request for a one week delay.

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

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

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0159.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE making a net supplemental appropriation of \$107,283,000 to various general fund agencies, a net supplemental appropriation of \$155,243,000 to various non-general fund agencies and a net supplemental appropriation of \$253,447,701 from various capital fund budgets; and amending the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Sections 6, 6, 16, 16, 18, 20, 20, 29, 32, 33, 35, 41, 42, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 64, 71, 71, 79, 79, 80, 83, 83 90, 90, 91, 91, 94, 97, 98, 103, 104, 107, 108, 109, 109, 110, 114, 114, 115, 115, 121, 121, 123, and 130, as amended, and Attachment A, as amended, and adding new section to Ordinance 19861.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 19956.

April Sanders, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 3. The motion carried.

Councilmember Balducci moved Amendment 4. The motion carried.

Councilmember Balducci made an oral amendment, on Page 3, Line 54, after "file by", delete "December 1, 2025", and insert "March 16, 2026". The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. 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 10-11

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0107](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Neal Black, who works in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16846.

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

11. [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

The enacted number is 16847.

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

Health, Housing, and Human Services**12. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0173.2](#)**

A MOTION regarding the council's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees, and requesting a report evaluating the county's progress towards that commitment.

Sponsors: Mosqueda, Dembowski, Barón, Quinn and Balducci

The enacted number is 16848.

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

No: 1 - Dunn

First Reading and Referral of Motions**13. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0150](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jesse Anderson, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as King County's primary representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0151](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ian Huri, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0191](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jacob Joens-Poulton, who resides in council district four, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Sponsors: Barón

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

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0192](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Aneeka Ferrell, who resides in council district five, to the King County human and civil rights commission, representing a member who has experience with investigations and enforcement of either human or civil rights or both.

Sponsors: Quinn

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

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0195](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Bishop Steven Sawyer, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0203](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Vanessa Sanchez-Mexicano, who resides in council district eight, to the King County human and civil rights commission.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0206](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of an independent monitoring report on the confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P3.

Sponsors: Barón

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0207](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the status of safety improvements at adult detention facilities as required by the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19861, Section 54, Proviso P5.

Sponsors: Barón

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

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0210](#)

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

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0213](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to the position of King County hearing examiner.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.

23. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

No reports were provided.

Other Business

No Other Business was presented.

Adjournment

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

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature