



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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, April 15, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM

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 April 1, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025, 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 13, 2025, as Vaisakhi Day in King County**

Councilmember Balducci and Councilmember von Reichbauer made remarks, read the Proclamation of April 13, 2025, as Vaisakhi Day in King County, and introduced Tarlok Singh. Tarlok Singh made remarks and thanked the Council.

Recognition of April 15, 2025, as the 50th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge genocide

Councilmember Mosqueda and Councilmember Barón made remarks, read the Recognition of April 15, 2025, as the anniversary of the Khmer Rouge genocide, and introduced Channdara Sos, Cambodian American Community Council of WA (CACCWA); Sophia Som, Cambodian Cultural Alliance of Washington (CCAW); Srorn Ros Cambodian American Friendship Foundation (CAFF); Bunthay Cheam, Khmer Anti-deportation and Advocacy Group (Khaag); Jenny Ap, Cambodian Americans Advocating Peace (CAAP). Channdara Sos, Sophia Som, Srorn Ros, Bunthay Cheam, and Jenny Ap 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 6-11, 18-29, and 32

The following people spoke:

*Alex Tsimerman
Carol Bryan
Janet Bryan
Kertson Swartz
Will Daugherty
Michael Woody
Bob Davidson
Susan B. Sanders
Scott Morris
Serena Glover
Joe Kunzler
Kirsten Senturia
Colin P
Vicky Clarke
Mikkell Roeland
Susan Pappalardo
Marsha Martin
Brenda Vanderloop
Larry Martin
Tom Quigley
Marcia Houdek Jimenz
Ed Gorman*

Consent Items

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0387.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to wineries, breweries, distilleries, and remote tasting rooms; amending Ordinance 1888, Article III, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.01.150, Ordinance 19030, Section 13, and K.C.C. 21A.06.996, Ordinance 19881, Section 211, and K.C.C. 21A.xx.xxx, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.070, Ordinance 10870, Section 335, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.080, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.090, Ordinance 19881, Section 177, and K.C.C. 21A.xx.xxx, Ordinance 10870, Section 407, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.18.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 536, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.080, Ordinance 15606, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.085, Ordinance 10870, Section 537, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 547, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 548, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.110, Ordinance 10870, Section 549, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.120, and Ordinance 13623, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.32.010, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 21A.06, repealing Ordinance 19030, Section 3, Ordinance 19030, Section 4, and K.C.C. 6.74.010, Ordinance 19030, Section 5, and K.C.C. 6.74.020, Ordinance 19030, Section 6, and K.C.C. 6.74.030, Ordinance 19030, Section 7, and K.C.C. 6.74.040, Ordinance 19030, Section 8, and K.C.C. 6.74.050, Ordinance 19030, Section 9, and K.C.C. 6.74.060, Ordinance 19030, Section 10, and K.C.C. 6.74.070, Ordinance 19030, Section 11, and K.C.C. 6.74.080, Ordinance 19030, Section 14, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427A, Ordinance 19030, Section 15, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427B, Ordinance 19030, Section 16, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427C, Ordinance 19030, Section 28, Ordinance 19030, Section 29, and K.C.C. 21A.55.110, and Ordinance 19030, Section 32, prescribing penalties, and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Balducci

Erin Auzins, Policy Staff, answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred

8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0054.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a new lease to support the operation of local services and transit.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 19913.

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

Regional Policy

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0070.4](#)

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than \$0.2351 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

Sponsors: Dembowski and Zahilay

The enacted number is 19914.

Sherrie Hsu, Policy Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 2 - Dunn, and Perry

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

Regional Policy

10. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0077.3](#)

A MOTION related to a property tax levy for 2026 through 2031 for the purpose of: maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns, and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance, and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding for capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16797.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer 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 of and Action on Emergency Ordinances Without Referral to Committee

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0117](#)

AN ORDINANCE correcting an error in Ordinance 19909; amending Ordinance 19909, Section 1, and establishing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Perry moved to suspend the rules to hold a public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-0117 less than seven days after first reading pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.095 and to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

The enacted number is 19915.

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

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda

12. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0032.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Daniel Klein and David Pfeiffer for property located at 136XX SW 244th Street, Vashon, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT006.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19916.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

13. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0033.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Kerri Grace for property located at east and abutting 13710 SW Reddings Beach Road, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT014.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19917.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

14. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0034.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Derek and Lorae Schin for property located at 12633 SW 276th Street, Vashon, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT022.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19918

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

15. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0035.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Timothy and Teri Farno for property located at 28403 NE 112th Way, Duvall, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT010.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19919.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

16. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0036.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Fred and Henrlet Schapelhouman for property located at 22312 NE 114th Street Redmond, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT013.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19920.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

17. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0041.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Anna Mitros and Seth LaForge for property located at 12003 184th Avenue SE, Redmond, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT011.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19921.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn 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

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**Consent Items****18. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0416](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sercan Hepsener, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16798.

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0417](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Wahid Bihroz, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16799.

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0015](#)

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

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16800.

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

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0074](#)

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

Sponsors: Quinn

The enacted number is 16801.

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

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0087](#)

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

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 16802.

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

23. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2025-0099.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of LeAnn Blanco 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: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16803

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

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0100](#)

A MOTION approving a job description for the position of director of the office of law enforcement oversight; and rescinding Motion 15790 and Motion 15790, Attachment A.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16804.

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

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0088](#)

A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Chair Zahilay announced that item 25 would be deferred to the April 22, 2025, Council meeting.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

26. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0114](#)

A MOTION appointing the King County executive.

Sponsors: Balducci and Barón

Councilmember Perry moved to suspend the rules in order to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0114 without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. The motion carried.

Chair Zahilay announced that item 26 would be deferred to the April 22, 2025, Council meeting.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred

27. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0116](#)

A MOTION establishing a process for appointing the King County executive.

Sponsors: Dunn

Councilmember Perry moved to suspend the rules in order to take action on Proposed Motion 2025-0116 without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. The motion carried.

Chair Zahilay announced that item 27 would be deferred to the April 22, 2025, Council meeting.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred

Reappointment Consent Agenda

28. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0097](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Rita Alcantara, who resides in council district two, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16805.

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

29. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0108](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Aaron Johnson, who resides in council district two, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16806.

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

30. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0113](#)

A MOTION relating to the Skyway-West Hill Community Center project; acknowledging receipt of the parks community center plan relating to the Skyway-West Hill Community Center project as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 101, Proviso P1, as amended by Ordinance 19633, Section 75.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

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

Other Business

32. **Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community**

The Recognition was presented in the community.

Recognition of the Festival of Color (Holi) in the Indian community

Councilmember Balducci

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Mary Selecky at 4:01 PM

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature