



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes

### Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair;  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Vice Chair of Policy Development and  
Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Joe McDermott, Sarah  
Perry, Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

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1:30 PM

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:43 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:44 p.m.*

*Due to technical difficulties, the Chair recessed the meeting at 2:11 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, 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 September 5, 2023**

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, 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 September 2023 as National Service Dog Month in King County**

*The Chair announced that Item 6 would be deferred one week to the September 19, 2023, agenda.*

**County Service Awards**

*Executive Constantine presented Service Awards to the following employees:*

*METRO TRANSIT DIVISION*

- Chris Hanson - Mobility - 20 years*
- Jon Bez - Mobility - 25 years*
- Carol Jo Norton - 40 years*
- Jeremy Une - 20 years*
- Gerald Harris - 20 years*
- James Reese - 25 years*
- Arnaul Bonilla - 25 years*
- Joseph M. Hursey - 30 years*
- Craig A. Jones - 35 years*
- Mary Hopson - 40 years*

*NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS*

- Jenee Colton - 20 years*
- Dawn Duddleson - 25 years*
- Laird O'Rollins - 30 years*
- Chris Zanassi - 30 years*

*ADULT AND JUVENILE DETENTION*

- Captain Carmella Frazier - 25 years*

*COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES*

- Debra Srebnik - 20 years*

*LOCAL SERVICES*

- John Miller - 25 years*
- Bong Santo Domingo - 45 years*

*PUBLIC HEALTH*

- Whitney Taylor - 25 years*
- Julie Hasz - 30 years*
- Stephne Roos - 35 years*
- Leah Helms - 20 years*
- Thu Bui - 25 years*
- Diane Bondoc - 25 years*
- Jaron Baker - 25 years*

*EXECUTIVE SERVICES*

- Garry Clements - 20 years*
- Steve Pelroy - 25 years*
- Fred Nelson Funk - 30 years*
- Martha Diesner - 20 years*
- Amy Duncan - 25 years*
- Mark Hoge - 30 years*
- Carla Beck - 35 years*

## 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 6-10

*The following people spoke:  
Marguerite Richard  
Alex Tsimmerman*

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7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0297](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587 (Metro transit department) representing employees in the Metro transit department; and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

*The enacted number is 19668.*

*Mary Bourguignon, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Kenneth Price, President, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Michelle Allison, General Manger, Metro Transit, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

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

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0298](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Washington State Nurses Association (Supervisors and Managers - Department of Public Health and Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention) representing employees in the department of public health and the department of adult and juvenile detention; and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19669.*

*Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

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

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## Reappointment Consent Agenda - Items 9-10

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0293](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Elaine Ko, who resides in council district eight, to the King County board of appeals and equalization.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

*The enacted number is 16419.*

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

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0303](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Stacey Devenney, who resides in council district eight, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

*The enacted number is 16420.*

**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 Kohl-Welles that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0261](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a biosolids thermal drying phase 2 report, prepared in accordance with the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 113, Expenditure Restriction ER2 and Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

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

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0290](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a new lease to support the operation of the department of public defense.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

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

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0300](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of an amendment to an existing lease to support the operation of the department of public health.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

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

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0309](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of an amendment to an existing lease to support the operations of the department of executive services.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

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

**15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0310](#)**

AN ORDINANCE establishing an hourly minimum wage for employees of employers in unincorporated King County, employees of certain county contractors, and county employees; amending Ordinance 17909, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.010, Ordinance 17909, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.020, and Ordinance 17909, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.030, adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 12, and repealing Ordinance 17909, Section 8, and K.C.C. 3.18.050, Ordinance 17909, Section 9, and K.C.C. 3.18.060, and Ordinance 17909, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.18.080, and establishing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles and McDermott

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

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

**16. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0294](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Joe Miles, who resides in council district nine, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district nine representative.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

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

**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0306](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Lisa Espinosa, who resides in council district eight, to the King County access paratransit advisory board.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

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

**18. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0314](#)**

A MOTION requesting the executive to develop and transmit a study regarding state forest trust lands currently managed for King County by the Washington state Department of Natural Resources.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

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

**19. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0315](#)**

A MOTION relating to climate change funding, requesting the executive to develop a property tax levy proposal to address the climate crisis in consultation with a work group of interested parties, to assess other potential funding sources, and to transmit a report, a proposed motion, and a proposed ordinance.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski



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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0316](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County, and to transmit a report.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

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

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

*No reports were given.*

**Other Business**

*In accordance with K.C.C. 2.36.070, the Chair announced that there is a vacant "at large" position on the King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee, and requested Councilmembers submit nominations to fill the position. The Chair asked that nominations be made in writing/email by Monday, October 2, 2023. Nominations will be announced at the October 3, 2023, Council meeting and will be forward to Executive Constantine.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature