



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

**Councilmembers:**

*Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair;  
Claudia Balducci, Vice Chair;  
Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Joe McDermott, Sarah Perry,  
Dave Upthegrove,  
Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

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

**Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)**

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9:30 AM

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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### SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Kohl Welles called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m*

2. **Roll Call**

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Councilmember Balducci moved approval of the November 15, 2023 and November 20, 2023 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

*The following individuals were present to provide public comment:  
Alex Tsimmerman, Hali Willis, Dennis Sils, George Counts, Evan Sextan, Delia Mulholland, Nick Jackal, Mark Clemens, Jennifer Tucker, Jack Bates, Laura Smith, Eliana Horn, Anne Watanabe, Karen Richter, Liza Rankin, Amarithia Torres, Jill Barrett, Norie Sato, Debra Landers, Jerry Blackburn, Becaley Elsie, Nela Cumming, Tayyab Mahmud, Marlette Buchanan, Chloe Gale, Manny Cawaling, Ellen Walker, Aaron Clark, Sara Tarp, and Phoebe Felcher.*

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 5. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0420](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive to provide recommendations to restore justice for race-based restrictive real estate practices based on the findings in the Impact of Redlining and Racist Real Estate Practices on King County Residents report.

*Larry Gossett, former King County Councilmember, addressed the committee. Andrew Kim, Council staff, briefed the committee. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, also addressed the committee.*

*This matter was expedited to the December 5, 2023 Council agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**No:** 1 - Dunn

### 6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0343](#)

AN ORDINANCE creating the King County Doors Open Program to support cultural organizations, imposing a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to finance the King County Doors Open Program; and repealing Ordinance 18513, Section 1, Ordinance 18513, Section 2, Ordinance 18513, Section 3, Ordinance 18513, Section 4, and Ordinance 18513, Section 7.

*Wendy Soohoo, Council staff, briefed the committee.*

*This matter was expedited to the December 5, 2023 Council agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0373](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Implementation Plan, required by Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., to govern the expenditure of the veterans, seniors, and human services levy proceeds from 2024 to 2029 to achieve outcomes related to housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County.

*Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Monique Cohen, Chief Legal Counsel, King County Council, and Kendall Moore, Assistant Chief Legal Counsel, King County Council, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members. Leon Richardson, Adult Services Division Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), and Kelly Rider, Chief of Staff, DCHS, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

*Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.*

*This matter was expedited to the December 5, 2023 Council agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove and Zahilay

**No:** 2 - Dunn and von Reichbauer

**Briefing**

8. [Briefing No. 2023-B0125](#)

Executive COVID Briefing

**This matter was Not Held**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 p.m*

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

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Clerk's Signature