



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda 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)

3:00 PM

Monday, June 8, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

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2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes** p. 4

May 26, 2026 meeting minutes

4. **Public Comment**



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Discussion and Possible Action

- 5. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0081](#) p. 9

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Susan McLaughlin as director of the King County department of community and human services.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Sam Porter, Council staff

Briefing

- 6. [Briefing No. 2026-B0077](#) p. 16

Response to Motion 16970 relating to King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, King County Executive's Office



Aaron Rubardt, Chief Budget Officer, King County Executive's Office

Wendy Soo Hoo, Special Adviser to the Chief Operating Officer, King County Executive's Office

Amber Green, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Human Services

William Towey, Associate Deputy, Strategy, King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

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9:30 AM

Tuesday, May 26, 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**

Vice Chair Balducci moved approval of the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

Kevin Altheimer
Deepa Sivarajan
May

Consent

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0068](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the first semiannual report on the status of activities related to contract management and compliance reporting protocols, as required by Ordinance 20023, Section 60, Proviso P1.

This item was expedited to the June 2, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and Perry

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0121](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to retail establishments; changing the effective date of the requirement that retailers in unincorporated King County, unless otherwise exempted, must accept payment in cash; and amending Ordinance 19639, Section 6, as amended.

This item was expedited to the June 2, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and Perry

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0080](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Sandra Valenciano as director of public health - Seattle & King County.

Olivia Brey, Council staff, Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, and Dr. Sandra Valenciano, appointee, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members.

moved approval of Striking Amendment S1 and Title Amendment T1. There being no objections, the amendments were adopted.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

No: 1 - Dembowski

Briefings

8. [Briefing No. 2026-B0067](#)

Harborview Bond Project Update

Tony Wright, Director, King County Harborview Construction and Infrastructure Division, and Jeff Muhm, Special Advisor to the Executive Leadership Team, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

9. [Briefing No. 2026-B0068](#)

Harborview Labor and Leadership Panel

Dane Austreng, SEIU 1199NW, and Erika Mattingly, WFSE Local 3488, briefed the committee. Dorothy Teeter, President, Harborview Board of Trustees, Sommer Kleweno Walley, Chief Executive Officer, Harborview Medical Center, UW Medicine, University of Washington, and Madeline Grant, Chief Administrative Officer, Harborview Medical Center, UW Medicine, University of Washington, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

Discussion and Possible Action

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0070](#)

A MOTION approving a letter regarding a staffing plan for the Harborview construction and infrastructure division, as called for in the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 103, Proviso P1.

This matter was deferred.

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0073](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to organization of administrative offices and executive departments; and amending Ordinance 17402, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.10.400, Ordinance 12550, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.14.020, Ordinance 18665, Section 6, and K.C.C. 2.15.030, Ordinance 20048, Section 6, and K.C.C. 2.15.060, Ordinance 18665, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.100, Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025, Ordinance 18793, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.036, Ordinance 11955, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.055, Ordinance 18086, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.136, Ordinance 12076, Section 38, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.040, Ordinance 19770, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.31.030, Ordinance 17699, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.36.100, Ordinance 12901, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.41.030, Ordinance 18811, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.42.150, Ordinance 18798, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.47.010, Ordinance 12058, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.55.010, Ordinance 18653, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.78.020, Ordinance 18653, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2.78.070, Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010, Ordinance 19008, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.150.050, Ordinance 12014, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.350, Ordinance 12943, Section 14, as

amended, and K.C.C. 3.12A.020, Ordinance 18757, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12D.020, Ordinance 8658, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.040, Ordinance 14287, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.16.055, Ordinance 12076, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.04.020, Ordinance 12076, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.10.050, Ordinance 17293, Section 90, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.10.495, Ordinance 12045, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.040, Ordinance 17929, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.070, Ordinance 17929, Section 21, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.080, Ordinance 620, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.100, Ordinance 12076, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.110.010, Ordinance 17930, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.130.020, Ordinance 15556, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.190, Ordinance 19841, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.213, Ordinance 19786, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.266, Ordinance 18662, Section 5, and K.C.C. 4A.200.317, Ordinance 18938, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.200.405, Ordinance 15961, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.570, Ordinance 17527, Section 69, and K.C.C. 4A.200.580, Ordinance 12076, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.590, Ordinance 14596, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.620, Ordinance 10159, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.27A.120, Ordinance 13981, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.010, Ordinance 13981, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.030, Ordinance 13981, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.040, Ordinance 13981, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.050, Ordinance 13981, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.060, Ordinance 13981, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.070, Ordinance 13981, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.080, Ordinance 13981, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.090, Ordinance 7430, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.020, Ordinance 7430, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.040, Ordinance 7430, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.050, Ordinance 7430, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.060, Ordinance 7430, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.070, Ordinance 7430, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.080, Ordinance 15399, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.085, Ordinance 7430, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.090, Ordinance 13263, Section 52, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.097, Ordinance 19762, Section 12, and K.C.C. 12.18B.030, Ordinance 5280, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.020, Ordinance 5280, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.070, Ordinance 5280, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.080, Ordinance 5280, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.090, Ordinance 10469, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.095, Ordinance 5280, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.100, Ordinance 5280, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.120, Ordinance 10469, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.122, Ordinance 10469, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.124, Ordinance 10469, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.133, Ordinance 13263, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.150, Ordinance 8625, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.020, Ordinance 8625, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.040, Ordinance 8625, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.050, Ordinance 8625, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.060, Ordinance 8625, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.070, Ordinance 8625, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.080, Ordinance 15399, Section 59, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.085, Ordinance 8625, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.090, Ordinance 15399, Section 54, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.095, Ordinance 13147, Section 27, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.18.110, Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.040, Ordinance 19881, Section 164, and K.C.C. 21A.08.055, Ordinance 10870, Section 337, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.100, Ordinance 14045, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.14.225, Ordinance 16267, Section 62, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.28.154, Ordinance 17287, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.55.105, and Ordinance 8867, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 26.12.010 and repealing Ordinance 15378, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.36.060.

Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the committee.

Chair Barón disclosed on the record a potential conflict of interest. The Chair recused himself, and Vice Chair Balducci assumed the role of chair for this item.

Councilmember Dembowski moved to suspend Council rule 1.24.085 for this item. There being no objections, the motion was approved. Councilmember Dembowski moved to remove Chair Barón as a sponsor for this item. There being no objections,

the motion was approved, and Councilmember Dembowski became the main sponsor for this item.

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of Amendment 1, Striking Amendment S1, and Title Amendment T1. There being no objections, the amendments were adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this ordinance be passed out of committee without a recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

Abstain: 1 - Barón

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Committee of the Whole**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	5	Name:	Sam Porter
Proposed No.:	2026-0081	Date:	June 8, 2026

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2026-0081 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Susan McLaughlin as the Director of the King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS).

SUMMARY

King County Code (K.C.C.) 2.16.110 defines the process for appointment and confirmation of exempt public officials, including the director of DCHS. Dr. McLaughlin was nominated for appointment by the Executive on March 30, 2026. Prior to her appointment, Dr. McLaughlin served as the Director of the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division since 2023, and acting director of DCHS since December 15, 2025.

Proposed Motion 2026-0081 would confirm Dr. McLaughlin as the Director of DCHS.

BACKGROUND

The King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) manages a wide range of programs and services to assist the county's most vulnerable residents and strengthen its communities. These include services for older adults, people with developmental disabilities, housing and community development, homeless shelter and services, behavioral health prevention and treatment, veterans' services, women's program services, education and employment programs, civil legal services, and youth and family services.

DCHS is also responsible for providing oversight and implementation management for local initiatives including Health through Housing (HTH), the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services (VSHSL) Levy, the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Levy, the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax, the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA), and the Crisis Care Centers (CCC) Levy. Moreover, as a primarily regional services department, DCHS plays a strong role in the coordination of the region's human services infrastructure.

The Department, aside from the Director's Office, consists of five divisions:

- Adult Services Division (ASD)

- Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD)
- Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division (CYAD)
- Development Disabilities and Early Childhood Support Division (DDESCSD)
- Housing and Community Development Division

As the Director of DCHS, Dr. McLaughlin would oversee Department operations, planning, and budgeting.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Susan McLaughlin's Qualifications. Dr. McLaughlin has served as the Director of King County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Division since 2023 and, prior to that, was the Director of the Behavioral Health Institute, operated by UW Medicine at Harborview Medical Center. From 2017 to 2022, Dr. McLaughlin was the founding Executive Director and CEO for HealthierHere, which serves as the Accountable Community of Health for King County. Prior to working for HealthierHere, Dr. McLaughlin worked in the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division from 1999 until 2017 and was a primary leader in the effort toward fully integrated managed care. Dr. McLaughlin holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology and previously served as a staff psychologist for Seattle Children's Hospital and had a private clinical psychologist practice in Woodinville.

ANALYSIS

The proposed motion would confirm the appointment of Dr. Susan McLaughlin as the Director of DCHS.

K.C.C. 2.16.110 outlines timeframes and criteria for the appointment and confirmation of exempt public officials. Under K.C.C., the Executive is authorized to appoint a person to serve in an acting capacity to fill a position requiring council confirmation for a period of no greater than 150 days. The Executive appointed Dr. McLaughlin to serve as Acting Director of DCHS on December 15, 2025, according to Executive staff. The Council passed a motion on May 5, 2025, to extend Dr. McLaughlin's acting appointment until July 13, 2026.¹

Additionally, K.C.C. 2.16.110 requires the Executive to transmit written notice of an appointment within seven calendar days of an appointment being made. Executive Zahilay appointed Dr. McLaughlin on March 30, 2026. The proposed motion was transmitted on April 6, 2026, which is within seven days.

K.C.C. 2.16.110.E.1.c states that the Council must act to consider confirmation within 90 days of receipt of notification and a proposed motion. Proposed Motion 2026-0081 was received on April 6, 2026. In accordance with the 90-day time limit, the Council has until July 5, 2026, to act on the motion to confirm Dr. McLaughlin's appointment.

¹ Motion 16969,
<https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7998467&GUID=876FC7E1-8847-4D32-8CB0-39720FD6E3EF&Options=Advanced&Search=>

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with King County Code requirements.

INVITED

- Dr. Susan McLaughlin, Acting Director, Department of Community and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2026-0081
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Confirmation Packet (distributed separately)



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Signature Report

Motion

Proposed No. 2026-0081.1

Sponsors Mosqueda

1 A MOTION confirming the appointment of Susan
2 McLaughlin as director of the King County department of
3 community and human services.
4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
5 The appointment of Susan McLaughlin as director of the King County department

Motion

6 of community and human services is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None



Executive Girmay Zahilay

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April 22, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

On April 6, 2026, I transmitted a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, confirm my appointment of Dr. Susan McLaughlin as director of the King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) consistent with King County Code 2.16.110(E)(1)(b). This letter transmits the enclosed materials that comprise the full set of confirmation documents as established by King County Code and practice.

I appointed Dr. McLaughlin to serve as DCHS Director starting March 30, 2026. Dr. McLaughlin has been serving successfully as acting DCHS director since December 15, 2025. Prior to her acting appointment, she served as the director of the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division within DCHS where she oversaw a range of services including the Crisis Care Center Levy and the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund. Prior to her time as division director, she served as the DCHS health and human services administrator.

In addition to roles at King County, Dr. McLaughlin has served as the director of the UW Medicine Behavioral Health Institute and the executive director of HealthierHere, a local nonprofit dedicated to advancing health equity in King County. Dr. McLaughlin is a licensed clinical psychologist and her extensive leadership experience in health, behavioral health, and social services makes her the ideal candidate to lead DCHS.

It is my pleasure to request your confirmation of Susan McLaughlin as DCHS Director. If your staff have questions regarding this matter, please contact Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-532-0773.

The Honorable Sarah Perry

April 22, 2026

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Sincerely,



Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Office of the Executive

Jasmin Weaver, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive

Sierra Howlett Browne, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Executive

Garrett Holbrook, Council Relations Manager, Office of the Executive

Megan Pedersen, Chief People Officer, Office of the Executive

Susan McLaughlin, Director Designee, Community and Human Services



King County

Committee of the Whole

June 8, 2026

**Agenda Item No. 6
Briefing No. 2026-B0077**

**Response to Motion 16970 relating to King County
Regional Homelessness**

**Any materials for this item will be available at or after
the meeting.**