



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

Council Chair Megan Dunn

Council Vice-Chair Sam Low

Councilmembers: Nate Nehring, Jared Mead, Strom Peterson

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor

**Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn

Council Vice-Chair Low (*remote*)

Councilmember Nehring

Councilmember Mead

Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)

Executive Dave Somers (*remote*)

Nicole Gorle, Council Staff

Cynthia Foley, Council Staff

Ken Klein, Executive Director

Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

A. Call to Order

Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no objections, Chair Dunn announced a Walk-On Resolution for consideration.

Walk-On Resolution

Resolution 26-004, honoring Ken Klein's service to Snohomish County

[2026-0218](#)

Executive Dave Somers and Councilmembers thanked Ken Klein for his years of public service and congratulated him on his appointment as the City Administrator for the City of Snohomish.

Ken Klein, Executive Director, expressed appreciation to the Executive and Council and for the time spent working for Snohomish County.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 26-004. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

There being no objections, Chair Dunn called for a brief recess at 9:19 a.m. and reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

D. Tribal Land Acknowledgement

Chair Dunn read the Tribal Land Acknowledgement into the record.

E. Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Patrick Gahan, owner of Hanger 420
- Nikolas Gross, resident of Clearview
- Ashley McDonald, resident of Clearview
- Julie McDonald, resident of Clearview

F. Committee of the Whole

G. Resolutions

1. Resolution 26-003, recognizing January 19, 2026, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Snohomish County

[2026-0162](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 26-003. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

H. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 25-580, authorizing the County Executive to sign a Toxics Cleanup Remedial Action Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology to receive grant funds for the former Tect lease site at Snohomish County Airport

2. Motion 26-002, authorizing approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Day Vengley & Associates, dba DVA Advertising & Public Relations, for 2026 destination marketing & management organizational (DMO) services and authorizing the County Executive to sign and execute the agreement

[2025-3808](#)

[2025-3822](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

I. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 26-036, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on January 14, 2026

[2026-0169](#)

a. Setting a public hearing on February 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:

1) Ordinance 25-077, relating to Growth Management; defining Religious Facilities; amending Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapters 30.22, 30.23, 30.26, 30.27, 30.28, 30.31f, 30.32b, 30.32e, 30.67, 30.91c, and 30.91e; repealing SCC 30.91c.085; and adding a new section to Chapter 30.91r SCC

[2025-3402](#)

2) Ordinance 25-078, relating to Growth Management; concerning Urban Zone development regulations; amending Chapters 30.22, 30.31A, and 30.34A of the Snohomish County Code

[2025-3553](#)

- b. Receiving the following Report:
 - 1) Health Department 2025 4th Quarter Report of executed consolidated contract amendments with Washington State Department of Health [2026-0113](#)
- c. Approving the following Purchasing Award Recommendation:
 - 1) Revised Bid Award Recommendation As-Needed Tree Services and related work to Selective Tree Removal as Primary, and Secondary Contractor: Pacific Tree Management and Tertiary Contractor: Sam's Tree Care for as needed services, estimated annual spend of \$650,000.000, plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2026-0153](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-036. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

J. Action on Items from Committee

- 1. **Community Safety and Justice**
- 2. **Finance, Budget and Administration**
- 3. **Health and Community Services**
- 4. **Planning and Community Development**
- 5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
- 6. **Committee of the Whole**
 - a. Motion 26-019, approving reclassifications within the Facilities and Fleet Department [2026-0054](#)

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-019. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided staff reports for items b to m:

b. Motion 25-551, confirming the appointment of Becky Passarella to the Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee [2025-3731](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-551. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

c. Motion 25-552, confirming the appointment of Heidi Stewart to the Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee [2025-3732](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-552. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

d. Motion 25-553, confirming the reappointment of Julie Schlenger to the Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee [2025-3733](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-553. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

e. Motion 25-554, confirming the reappointment of Sara Maxwell to the Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee [2025-3734](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-554. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

f. Motion 25-550, confirming the appointment of Shawnti Johnson to the Snohomish County Children's Commission [2025-3742](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-550. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

g. Motion 25-574, confirming the appointment of David Hambelton to the Snohomish County Performance Audit Committee [2025-3811](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-574. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

h. Motion 25-577, appointing Carleen Matson of Everett to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2025-3817](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-577. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

i. Motion 25-578, re-appointing Joel Walker of Bothell to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2025-3818](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 25-578. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

j. Motion 26-001, confirming the appointment of Brady Begin to the Snohomish County Arts Commission Advisory Board [2025-3634](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-001. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

k. Motion 26-014, approving Amendment 1 to Agreement for Professional Services with Purpose.Dignity.Action. regarding LEAD and RNP [2026-0037](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-014. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

I. Motion 26-015, approving Amendment 1 to Agreement for LEAD and RNP services with Evergreen Recovery Centers [2026-0041](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-015. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

m. Ordinance 26-001, relating to the meeting requirements of the Ethics Commission and amending SCC 2.50.100 [2025-3862](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 26-001 on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: 5-0

K. Other Business

L. Public Meetings/Hearings

M. Executive Session

N. Adjourn

Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 9:43 a.m.