



# **Snohomish County Council**

## **General Legislative Session**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Council Chair Nate Nehring  
Council Vice-Chair Megan Dunn  
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Jared Mead, Strom Peterson

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**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor  
Robert J. Drewel Building  
& Remote Meeting**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Vice-Chair Dunn  
Council Chair Nehring (*remote*)  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Mead  
Councilmember Peterson  
Jim Martin, Council Staff  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience  
Lance Meinhold, Facilities and Fleet Management  
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

#### **A. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day 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**

Vice-Chair Dunn led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Public Comment**

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

**E. Committee of the Whole****F. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 25-026, celebrating our community in Snohomish County by declaring the month of June 2025 as Pride Month and affirming that LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights [2025-1800](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn spoke in support of the Resolution.

Councilmember Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 25-026. Vice-Chair Dunn seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of three to two, with Chair Nehring and Councilmember Low opposing.

**APPROVED: 3-2**

**G. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 25-260, approving and authorizing the County Executive to execute Amendment 4 to the Technology Solution Contract for an Electronic Content Management Solution with Open Text [2025-1346](#)

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

**APPROVED: 5-0**

**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 25-270, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on June 4, 2025 [2025-1802](#)

a. Receiving the following Report:

- 1) New Start Centers Presentation - June 2025 [2025-1799](#)

Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion 25-270. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPROVED: 5-0**

**I. 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 25-262, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign Amendment 1 to the agreement between Earth Finance, Inc. and Snohomish County

[2025-1679](#)

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion 25-262.  
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPROVED: 5-0**

**J. Other Business**

1. New Start Centers Presentation - June 2025  
Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience  
Lance Meinhold, Facilities and Fleet Management

Kara Main-Hester, Chief Recovery and Resilience Officer, and Project Manager  
Lance Meinhold, Facilities and Fleet Management, provided a presentation and monthly update on the New Start Center Initiative.

Discussion followed as Ms. Main-Hester and Mr. Meinhold, along with Human Services Director Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, responded to questions.

**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

**L. Executive Session**

Nicole Gorle, Council Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to pending litigation for an initial five minutes. She indicated that there is anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:21 a.m., Vice-Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Session.

Pending Litigation  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)  
DPA: Katherine Bosch

**PRESENT:**

Council Vice-Chair Dunn  
Council Chair Nehring (*remote*)  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Mead  
Councilmember Peterson  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Jim Martin, Council Staff  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff  
Ryan Hembree, Council Staff  
Russell Wiita, Council Staff  
Ken Klein, Executive Director (*remote*)  
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)  
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Katherine Bosch, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Erik Ben-Zekry, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director  
Doug Jeske, Sheriff's Office (*remote*)  
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

The Executive Session started at 9:21 a.m. for an initial 5 minutes to 9:26 a.m.

At 9:26 a.m., Vice-Chair Dunn extended the Executive Session 2 minutes to 9:28 a.m.

At 9:28 a.m., Vice-Chair Dunn extended the Executive Session 3 minutes to 9:31 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:31 a.m.

At 9:32 a.m., Vice-Chair Dunn reconvened the meeting and announced a Walk-On Oral Motion for consideration.

**Walk-On Motion****ORAL MOTION**[2025-1904](#)

Councilmember Low made a motion that the Council hereby authorize and approve each of the Settlement Agreements, in the total amount of \$22,000, for each of the four Plaintiffs in the matter of Sanchez, et al. v. Snohomish County, et al., King County Superior Court Cause No. 25-2-01801-6 KNT, as negotiated by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and to authorize the County Executive to execute the documents necessary to memorialize the agreements, in consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPROVED: 5-0****M. Adjourn**

At 9:33 a.m., Vice-Chair Dunn recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.