



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 21, 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; entered meeting at 9:12 a.m.*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council
**See names listed below of individuals under Public Comment and Resolutions.*

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 four members were present.

[Clerk Note: Councilmember Strom entered meeting at 9:12 a.m. and five members were present.]

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comment

Patrick Gahan, resident of Clearview, provided public comment.

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

1. Resolution 26-005, congratulating Archbishop Murphy High School on winning the 2025 Washington State 2A Football Championship [2026-0237](#)

Councilmembers congratulated Archbishop Murphy High School football team on their championship win.

Coach Joe Cronin, Archbishop Murphy High School, thanked the Council for the Resolution.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 26-005. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

APPROVED: 4-0

There being no objections, Chair Dunn called for a brief recess at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 25-559, adopting the Snohomish County Executive Branch Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for 2025-2026 [2025-3725](#)
2. Motion 26-021, authorizing the County Executive to sign Amendment No. 1 to the January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Snohomish County and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO - Marshal Addendum [2026-0069](#)
3. Motion 25-567, appointing Amy Harley, MD, to serve as acting health officer when Snohomish County health officer may be absent [2025-3764](#)
4. Motion 25-568, appointing Meghan Lelonek, MD, to serve as acting health officer when Snohomish County health officer may be absent [2025-3765](#)

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5. Motion 26-010, authorizing the Executive to sign Amendment No. 1 for Naloxone Distribution between Snohomish County and City of Bothell [2026-0004](#)
 6. Motion 25-575, approving a change of scope for the HASCO 200th Street Redevelopment Project awarded AHBH funding [2025-3809](#)
 7. Motion 25-576, approving HOME ARP award for the YWCA Emergency Shelter HOME-ARP Project [2025-3810](#)
 8. Motion 26-008, approving and authorizing the County Executive to execute the Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Agreement #2569-65864 with Washington State Department of Social and Health Services [2025-3893](#)
 9. Motion 25-570, approving the Interlocal Agreement for emergency management services between Snohomish County and the City of Edmonds, WA [2025-3790](#)

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

APPROVED: 4-0

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 26-049, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on January 21, 2026 [2026-0233](#)
 - a. Receiving the following Report:
 - 1) Snohomish County Early Head Start Monthly Program Update - November 2025 [2026-0177](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-049. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

APPROVED: 4-0

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**

At 9:12 a.m., Councilmember Peterson entered the meeting; there were five members present.

6. Committee of the Whole

- a. Motion 26-040, authorizing the Snohomish County Executive [2026-0076](#) to sign Professional Services Agreement with Barker and Leavitt, PLLC, to provide professional federal governmental affairs relations, lobbying, and related services for Snohomish County

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Lacey Harper, Executive Director, responded to questions.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-040.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

J. Other Business**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

Chair Dunn opened the public hearing for Motions 26-022, 26-023, and 26-024.

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Chair Dunn opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, she closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

1. Motion 26-022, confirming the reappointment of Angie Sievers to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2026-0080](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-022.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

2. Motion 26-023, confirming the appointment of Emily Morgan to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2026-0095](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-023.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

3. Motion 26-024, confirming the reappointment of Tom Campbell to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2026-0109](#)

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 26-024.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

L. Executive Session

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to potential litigation for an initial 10 minutes. She indicated that there is no anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:17 a.m., Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Brian Dorsey

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Mike Fong, Executive Director
Alessandra Szebenyi, Executive Chief of Staff (*remote*)
Kelly Snyder, Public Works Director (*remote*)

Doug McCormick, Public Works Deputy Director
Tom Teigen, Executive Director
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Geoff Enns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Erik Ben-Zekry, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:18 a.m. with an initial 10 minutes to 9:28 a.m.
At 9:28 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session two minutes to 9:30 a.m.
At 9:30 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session three minutes to 9:33 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:33 a.m.

(There was no Council action as a result of the Executive Session.)

M. Adjourn

At 9:33 a.m., Chair Dunn reconvened the meeting and adjourned the Council.