



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Council Chair Nehring
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Hembree, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

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

A. Call to Order

Chair Nehring 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

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 25-014, recognizing May 5, 2025, in celebration of [2025-1379](#)
Cinco de Mayo in Snohomish County

The following individuals thanked the Council and spoke in support of the Resolution:

- Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- Miguel Gonzales
- Felipe Hernandez
- Mario Pimienta
- Chris Paredes
- Zita Paulino

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 25-014. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

There being no objections, Chair Nehring called for a brief recess at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

2. Resolution 25-015, recognizing May 2025 as Asian American and [2025-1454](#)
Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Snohomish County

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 25-015. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

3. Resolution 25-016, recognizing May 1, 2025, as a National Day of [2025-1455](#)
Prayer in Snohomish County

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 25-016. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

G. Consent Agenda**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 25-217, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on April 30, 2025 [2025-1430](#)
 - a. Approving the following Award Recommendation:
 - 1) Piggyback Award Recommendation for the use of a “piggyback” competitive solicitation via DES contract, through participation with NASPO and Carahsoft Technology Corporation [2025-1337](#)
 - b. Approving the following Minutes:
 - 1) Council's Official Proceedings for March 2025 [2025-1428](#)
 - c. Receiving the following Report:
 - 1) Health Department 2025 1st Quarter Report of executed consolidated contract amendments with Washington State Department of Health [2025-1432](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-217. 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 25-204, approving and authorizing the County Council Chair to sign the Bid Award Recommendation PW25-0382SB for Airport 2025 paving [2025-1286](#)

Ryan Hembree, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-204.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a consolidated staff report for items b. through d.

- b. Motion 25-199, approving contract with Glen Rice to provide legal services for the period from April 11, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-1312](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-199.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

- c. Motion 25-200, approving contract with Bull Dog Law, PLLC (Jared Isaacson) to provide legal services for the period from April 11, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-1313](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-200.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

- d. Motion 25-202, approving contract with Robert O'Neal to provide legal services for the period from April 11, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-1308](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-202.
Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

J. Other Business**K. Public Meetings/Hearings****L. Executive Session**

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into two Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to pending and potential litigation for an initial 20 minutes. She indicated that there is anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:22 a.m., Chair Nehring recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPAs: Adam Delderfield & Deborah Severson

PRESENT:

Council Chair Nehring
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low (*not present*)
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Hembree, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Cece Wilson, Executive's Office
Viggo Forde, Information Technology Director
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Alan Dederfield, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The first Executive Session started at 9:22 a.m. with an initial 20 minutes to 9:42 a.m.
The first Executive Session ended at 9:32 a.m.

2. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Jason Cummings

PRESENT:

Council Chair Nehring
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low (*not present*)
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Hembree, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Rebecca Wendling, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Rebecca Guadamud, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The second Executive Session started at 9:32 a.m.

At 9:42 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:47 a.m.

At 9:47 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:52 a.m.

At 9:52 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:57 a.m.

At 9:57 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:02 a.m.

At 10:02 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:07 a.m.

At 10:07 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:12 a.m.

At 10:12 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:17 a.m.

At 10:17 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:22 a.m.

At 10:22 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:27 a.m.

At 10:27 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:32 a.m.

At 10:32 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:37 a.m.

At 10:37 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:42 a.m.

At 10:42 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session three minutes to 10:45 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:50 a.m.

The second Executive Session ended at 10:50 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m., Chair Nehring reconvened the meeting and announced a Walk-On Oral Motion for consideration.

Walk-On Oral Motion

ORAL MOTION

[2025-1571](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion that the Council hereby authorize and approve the Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$230,000 for the plaintiff in the matter of D. Ellsworth v. Snohomish County, King County Superior Court Cause No. 21-2-07621-8 SEA, as negotiated by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and to authorize the County Executive to execute the documents necessary to memorialize the agreement, in consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED: 5-0

M. Adjourn

At 10:52 a.m., Chair Nehring called for a brief recess and announced that the Council will reconvene for Public Hearings at 11:00 a.m.