

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HYBRID MEETING**

Monday, January 26, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special monthly meeting of the King County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was held as a virtual meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026. There being a quorum, the hybrid meeting was called to order by Chair Lee at 3:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jerry Lee (Chair), Richard Jackson (Vice-Chair) (via Zoom), Commissioner Tina Keys (via Zoom) and Commissioner Neal Black (via Zoom)

Absent: Commissioner Regina Elmi

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2025

On motion by Commissioner Richard Jackson, and seconded by Commissioner Tina Keys, the Board unanimously approved the December 15, 2025 meeting minutes.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Richard Jackson, and seconded by Commissioner Tina Keys, the Board unanimously approved the January 26, 2026, hybrid Board of Commissioners' meeting agenda.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Voucher Certification Reports for November 2025

On motion by Commissioner Richard Jackson, and seconded by Commissioner Tina Keys, the Board unanimously approved the January 26, 2026, virtual Board of Commissioners' meeting consent agenda.

VII. RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

A. **Resolution No. 5812** – Authorizing the Authority’s Sale of Skyway Resource Center

Lauren Mathisen, Executive VP of Real Estate Development and Sunnie Park, Senior Development Manager presented the details of the sale.

On motion by Commissioner Neal Black, and seconded by Commissioner Richard Jackson, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 5812.

B. **Resolution No. 5813** – Advancing Pay Equity; Proposed Compensation and Classification Plan Amendment

Tonya Harlan, Executive VP of People and Culture explained the proposal to Commissioners.

On motion by Commissioner Neal Black, and seconded by Commissioner Richard Jackson, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 5813.

VIII. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

A. 2026 Legislative Session Overview

Jessica de Barros, VP of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs gave an overview of the Legislative Session for 2026 and the Objectives and Roles.

Government Relations Objectives & Role

- Shape & advance the agency’s policy agenda at the federal, state & local levels
- Build & maintain relationships w/government officials & community partners
- Lead the agency’s Moving to Work Plan
- Advocate for KCHA & its residents and participants
- Chair the State AWHHA Legislative Committee
- Engage with NAHRO Legislative Network

B. Digital Equity, Part I

Steven Hellyer, Executive VP of Technology and Jamie Robbins, Digital Equity Manager, gave a detailed presentation of updates on survey results, strategy playbooks and connectivity solutions.

C. Mixed Family Status Update

Robin Walls, President/CEO gave a detailed update of HUD's proposed rule regarding Mixed Family Status.

Current rule: allows mixed status family households to receive housing assistance on a prorated basis.

Proposed Rule: would restrict participation for any mixed status households.

Nationwide this rule will disproportionately impact families with children and BIPOC households.

IX. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Robin Walls, President/CEO gave updates:

- Last week we completed our acquisition of the Haven Apartments in Kent, this is also listed in the news.
- In the Federal Landscape, we know that the continuing resolution to fund the Federal Government as well as the HUD Funding bill. The house approved the appropriations last week, looked like we were going to have a funding bill until the events happened in Minneapolis, so the Senate has stated they are not planning on passing the funding bill. We are expecting a government shutdown at this point. HUD will go into a contingency plan until a funding bill is reached.
- We have begun the process of transitioning families in our Emergency Housing Voucher Program to offer them additional or the availability of subsidies as they become available, either through our public housing program or project-based rental assistance or project-based voucher portfolio. We sent notices to all 600 families that remain on the EHV's. So far we've received responses from 50 families with their interest in moving to one of the other subsidies since the EHV subsidy will expire at the end of the year.
- We are making plans at KCHA for February 25, 2026 to close the offices early for a planned memorial for the staff members that died in November, 2025. We will be having a moment where all of the staff are able to recognize the contributions of Norris Feury and Grace Adriano and memorialize them.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee (RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f)) and to review the performance of a public employee (RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g)).

Chair Lee announced that the Board of Commissioners will go into Executive Session for approximately one hour, starting at 4:08pm.

4:08pm – Board meeting was suspended.

4:59pm – Board meeting was re-convened.

XI. KCHA in the News

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**



JERRY LEE, Chair
Board of Commissioners



ROBIN WALLS

President/CEO and Secretary-Treasurer