



Seattle-King County CoC Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time

July 2, 2025; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Roll Call

Name	Present
Patricia Sam	P
Tamara Bauman	P
Zsa Zsa Floyd	P
Bella Irons	P
Amaiya Leonor	P
Elizabeth Maupin	P
Dorsol Plants	P
Ruby Romero	P
Martha Sassorossi	Excused Absence
Kristina Sawyckyj	P
Victor Loo	P
Amy Thomas	P

- Roll Call – 11 members present – 1 absent
- Quorum Met – Yes

Land Acknowledgement & Theory of Change (Board Members)

- **Land Acknowledgement:** The King County Continuum of Care Board acknowledges that we work on the unseated traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, especially the first peoples of Seattle, the Duwamish people. The original stewards of the land, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish tribe. This acknowledgement only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed action and is the first step in honoring the land that we today sit on and their peoples.
- **Theory of Change** – If we create a homelessness response system that centers people who have lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to meet needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.



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Minutes Review June Meeting Minutes

- Motion: To approve June Meeting Minutes – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Ruby Tuesday Romero
- Approved by Voice Vote

Request for motion to amend the July 2nd agenda

- Motion: To amend July 2, 2025, agenda and move the CoC Letter from informational to a vote – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Amy Thomas
- Approved by Voice Vote

Public Comment:

My name is Cindy and I'm an advocate for tenants.

I would like to make some suggestions regarding the CEA Policies and Procedures Manual based on my experience.

First, the Manual states that the Ombudsman can assist participants *if given permission*. We went through that process, and unfortunately, it was very disappointing. In our case, related to a mobility request, the assistance provided was minimal—essentially a "one-and-done" situation. It did not meet the expectations set by the Manual. I believe this happened because the Ombudsman either lacked the time or a full understanding of the commitment required. If that's the case, this type of assistance should not be offered unless it can be followed through effectively. Additionally, the referral we received was inappropriate and unhelpful.

Since then, I've been reading more of the Manual, and I've learned that a Navigator can also assist participants. However, we don't know who the Navigators are or how to access them. I would strongly suggest that the Manual include a list of Navigators who are trained and willing to assist participants with understanding the system and its rules.

There is a lot of confusion about re-entry. For example, people often hear conflicting information—like, "You have to get back in line," even if they've recently lost housing. But the Manual states that individuals who become homeless again within 180 days can re-enter without starting over. Most tenants are unaware of this, especially when they're exited from housing by their provider—often unfairly or abruptly.

I propose that tenants should clearly receive the full 180 days from the moment their provider codes them as no longer in the program. Moreover, they should be notified formally—perhaps with a letter—explaining their rights and where they can go to receive Navigator support. These Navigators should be trained to understand and navigate the system quickly and effectively.



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This process is currently very confusing, and unfortunately, it allows some housing providers to push people back into homelessness without accountability. Tenants often think they have no recourse, but based on the Manual, there are options—they just aren't made clear or accessible. I hope the system can take more responsibility in making this pathway clear, firm, and supportive by sending out timely notices and ensuring Navigators are prepared and available to help.

That's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

Meeting Topic: NOFO Update and CoC Debrief – Strategies to prepare for FY26 – Kelsey Beckmeyer

Meeting Topic: Systems Performance Measure #3 – Ben Mathewson

Note: Updated presentation has been included with meeting minutes packet and will be updated on KCRHA website.

Meeting Topic: KCRHA 5 Year Plan – Kiki Serantes

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Meeting Topic: CoC Letter – discussion took place regarding the CoC Letter and some questions were raised. Per guidance the CoC Board made the decision to go into an Executive Session at approximately 3:49pm. Further discussion took place regarding the amount of time left in the meeting and a motion was made.

- Motion: To extend the CoC Board meeting by 5 minutes – Elizabeth Maupin
- Second: Kristina Sawyckj
- Approved by Voice Vote

Due to technical issues the executive session was extended until 4:10pm

The board returned from executive session at approximately 4:12pm

Discussion took place after the board returned from executive session.

Co-Chair Plants stated - the letter is not in a place where we can make a motion at this point, because it's halfway between 2 letters. The letter needs to be reviewed and modified.

Co-Chair Romero stated - So we thought we're going to have a read through of the letter. After the discussion we've had we're not going to do that today. So, I encourage those who are interested in reading over the letter, and we can have that discussion later. We will send it out again after the edits have been made.



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Board & Committee Updates

Convening Update – Victor Loo

- The Membership Convening, which was held on June 17, 2025, focused on the Pathway Ways to Housing Security presentation and emphasized community engagement throughout the day.
- There were 75 attendees in person at North Seattle College, as well as 48 participants attending virtually. The agenda included 2 breakout sessions to gather input and foster dialogue among both in person and virtual attendees. And then a debrief session was concluded at the end to reflect on key take aways and theme.
- Additionally, there was also the Charter Revision Work group updates during the convening, and then I neglected to mention that we also have a plan in time count presentation from Janelle during the convening as well.

SPC – written report will be provided

Next SPC Meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025, 2-4pm

Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup (CCPWG) – written report will be provided

Next CCPWG Meeting – July 28, 2025, 1-2:30pm

Coordinated Entry Committee (CEC) – Zsa Zsa Floyd

Topic 1: Vulnerability Assessment Tools & Potential PSH Pilots

Presenter: Tom Regan

Key Points:

- VI-SPDAT was discontinued in Oct 2020 due to concerns about invasiveness and racial bias.
- COVID-era prioritization relied on medical data and Public Health partnerships.
- As of April 2023, prioritization is based on:
 - Length of current homelessness episode (self-reported)
 - Fleeing/attempting to flee violence
 - Unsheltered homelessness

Discussion & Decision:

- Tom proposed forming a focus group to explore alternatives, focusing on privacy, equity, and evaluation of tools. Volunteers for Focus Group – Finn, Noah, Porscha, Eddy, Sherry & Martha.
- CE Committee approved the group, which will support development of a PSH-focused pilot.
- Updates to be shared at the CEC July meeting.



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Topic 2: Emergent Needs Case Conferencing Space

Presenter: Jeff Simms

Key Points:

- Launched in late 2022 under Partnership for Zero, still active but with low recent usage.
- Supports mobility transfers, downtown area residents, and those affected by Navigation Center closure.
- KCRHA suggests integrating this into population-based case-conferencing windows.

Discussion & Decision:

Motion: Approve time-limited use of the emergent needs case conferencing space.

- Motion: Zsa Zsa Floyd – To approve time-limited use of the emergent needs case conferencing space
- Second: Sherry Tillman
- Vote: Approved via voice vote

Co-Chair Vote

- **Nomination:** Zsa Zsa Floyd by Martha Lindner
- **Second:** Eddy Matlock-Mahon
- **Vote:** Approved (11 members)

Next CEC Meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2025, 10-12

Co-Chair Update – Ruby Tuesday Romero

- Concerns regarding Microsoft Office access were addressed and we learned that the administrative settings for CoC Board member accounts were the same. If you're having any other issues with accessing your account, please reach out to the co-chairs and Catherine.
- Governing Board presentation was moved from the June meeting to the July meeting which will take place on **July 30, 2025, from 1-3pm.**
- Co-Chairs met with Dr. Kinnison to discuss the KCRHA workplan and how the CoC Board can contribute.
- During the 6/30/2025 Co-Chair planning meeting Ed discussed OPMA procedures.
- Co-Chair planning meetings will be held on July 7, 14, 21. & 28th.

Next Steps & Adjourn - Co-Chair Plants called for the meeting to adjourn at 4:19pm

- **Next meeting: Wednesday August 6, 2025 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**