



Seattle-King County CoC Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Theory of Change

If we create a homelessness response system that centers people with lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to respond to needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

Land Acknowledgment

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.

Date & Time

April 1, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

Roll Call

Name	Present
Patricia Sam	P
Tamara Bauman	P
Zsa Zsa Floyd	P
Amaiya Leonor	A
Elizabeth Maupin	P
Dorsol Plants	P

Ruby Tuesday Romero	P
Martha Sassorossi	On Leave - Excused
Devin Konick-Seese – Proxy for Board Member Sassorossi	P
Kristina Sawyckyj	P
Victor Loo	P
Amy Thomas	P
Valerie Sasson	P
Rocco DeVito	P
Jen Carl	A
John Urquhart	P

- Roll Call – 13 members present – 2 absent.
- Quorum Met – Yes

Meeting Minutes Review:

- Motion: To Approve March 2026 Meeting Minutes – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Dr. Sam
- Approved Yes with 12 approvals

Name	Approve
Patricia Sam	Y
Tamara Bauman	Y
Zsa Zsa Floyd	Y
Amaiya Leonor	Absent
Elizabeth Maupin	Y
Dorsol Plants	Y
Ruby Tuesday Romero	Y
Martha Sassorossi	On Leave - Excused
Devin Konick-Seese – Proxy for Board Member Sassorossi	Y
Kristina Sawyckyj	Y
Victor Loo	Y
Amy Thomas	-
Valerie Sasson	Y
Rocco DeVito	Y
Jen Carl	Absent
John Urquhart	Y



Public Comment: No comments were received, either in writing or in person

Meeting Topic: Selection Committee Information/Action Item – Kelsey Beckmeyer, KCRHA, CoC Manager

Board Recruitment and Selection Committee

- Staff presented materials related to board recruitment, including the scope of work, draft call for applications, and draft application form.
- Several board member terms will expire in early July, and two additional seats remain vacant (one elected public official and one law enforcement/public safety representative).
- Federal requirements (HUD 24 CFR 578 and December 2025 NOFO) require board composition to include representation from relevant organizations, individuals with lived experience of homelessness, elected officials, business community members, and law enforcement.
- To meet these requirements and align with the CoC charter, a new application cycle for board members is proposed.

Selection Committee

- A selection committee will be formed to review applications and recommend candidates to the full CoC membership, which will make final selections.
- The committee will consist of 3–7 board members not seeking re-election, supported by 2–3 staff.
- The committee will meet between April and June 30, with the goal of completing recommendations and elections by that time.
- Responsibilities include identifying final candidates and supporting a candidate forum for member engagement.

Recruitment Focus

- Recruitment will prioritize individuals with lived experience of homelessness, elected officials, law enforcement/public safety representatives, public funders, and service providers.
- Additional potential future board seat categories were noted (e.g., behavioral health, education, housing authorities, tribal representation), but no action was required at this time.



Application Updates

- The draft application includes new questions on how applicants represent their constituency and how their influence or relationships can drive change.
- Recruitment priorities are based on current board representation and identified gaps.

Action Requested

- Approval to establish the selection committee and proceed with issuing the call for board member applications.

Vote: Stand Up Selection Committee

- A motion was made to lay the main motion on the table – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Elizabeth Maupin
- The motion was adopted by roll call vote - 12 in favor, 0 opposed
- The motion was taken from the table – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Elizabeth Maupin

Main Motion

- Motion: To stand up the selection committee to initiate the call for new COC board member applications with the materials provided. – Zsa Zsa Floyd
- Second: Devin Konick-Seese
- Motion passed with 12 votes in the affirmative

Name	Approval
Patricia Sam	Y
Tamara Bauman	Y
Zsa Zsa Floyd	Y
Amaiya Leonor	Absent
Elizabeth Maupin	Y
Dorsol Plants	Y
Ruby Tuesday Romero	Y
Martha Sassorossi	On Leave - Excused
Devin Konick-Seese – Proxy for Board Member Sassorossi	Y
Kristina Sawyckyj	Y
Victor Loo	Y
Amy Thomas	-
Valerie Sasson	Y



Rocco DeVito	Y
Jen Carl	Absent
John Urquhart	Y

Workgroup and Committee Updates:

Coordinated Entry Committee (CEC) – No meeting was held in March, as there was no business to discuss.

Next CEC Meeting – April 23, 2026– 10-11am

System Performance Committee (SPC) – Kristina Sawyckj

NOFO Update

Kelsey will provide a formal update on the NOFO process. SPC is currently coordinating with Kelsey on NOFO scoring, including review and approval of any new or expanded performance metrics that may be used in rating. We are also working with Claire on R&D to identify which metrics are likely to change so the CoC Board has adequate lead time to understand upcoming shifts.

System Performance Dashboards

We will remind the Board that system performance dashboards are publicly available and updated quarterly. The intent is to promote continued use and transparency of system-level performance data. The most recent refresh is occurring today, and we will confirm the final publication date for the updated Q4 dataset.

Link: <https://kcrha.org/community-data/system-performance/>

Co-Chair Vacancy

SPC currently has a vacancy for a Co-Chair following Tamara's departure. The Co-Chair role must be filled by a CoC Board member. We are requesting support in identifying and confirming a replacement as soon as possible to ensure continuity of leadership and governance.

Annual Workplan / Calendar Alignment

We are consolidating a clear calendar of required vs. planned SPC activities, including HUD reporting deadlines, CoC deliverables, and internal priorities. This will distinguish between required compliance timelines and discretionary work.

HUD Reporting Updates

LSA and System Performance Measures (SPMs) were submitted on time this year. HUD has now published the official due date for the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC), which is April 30th.

HUD Proposed Rule on Eligibility Verification



What's happening

HUD is seeking public comment on a proposed rule that would require all HUD-assisted households—regardless of age or program type—to verify U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status.

- **Public comment deadline:** April 21, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/02/20/2026-03405/housing-and-community-development-a...>

Key provisions

- Mandatory verification of citizenship or eligible immigration status for all household members
- Required documentation may include passport, birth certificate, or similar records
- No opt-out option for declaring status
- Mixed-status households: policy eliminates indefinite prorated assistance, with potential impacts to an estimated 80,000+ families (*CBPP analysis cited below*)

Source: Gartland, E., & Acosta, S. (2025). Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/administration-plan-targeting-immigrants-would-take-away-rental-assistance-create>

How to submit a public comment

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/02/20/2026-03405/housing-and-community-development-a...>

Steps:

- Open Federal Register link and select the rule
- Click “Submit a Formal Comment”
- Enter comment text (be specific and reference impacts if applicable)
- Attach supporting documents if needed
- Provide email for confirmation (optional)
- Select identity type (Individual / Organization / Anonymous)
- Acknowledge comment will be publicly posted
- Preview and submit

Next SPC Meeting – April 15, 2026 – 2-4pm

Charter Review Workgroup – Victor Loo

The workgroup paused activities due to NOFO-related uncertainties and resumed on March 20, 2026.

- A recent meeting included co-facilitation by staff and Abt Global (HUD Technical Assistance).
- The workgroup’s current focus is to identify gaps in the existing charter and develop updates based on missing elements.
- The goal is to finalize proposed charter updates by May 2026.



- A special membership meeting will be convened to vote on the updated charter, with the proposal to be presented to the board in advance.

Next Charter Review Workgroup – April 17, 2026 – 1-2:30pm

Co-Chair Update – Ruby Tuesday Romero

- The board continues to review and adjust the agenda on a weekly basis.
- Members reflected positively on the recent board retreat, noting valuable in-person engagement and shared perspectives.
- Parliamentary procedure training was completed, providing guidance on motions and meeting processes.
- The board is resuming focus on NOFO-related work and ongoing charter review.
- Discussion of the co-chair meeting structure was deferred from the retreat and will be addressed at a future time.
- Concerns were raised about maintaining quorum and avoiding potential serial meeting issues with fluctuating attendance.

Point In Time (PIT) Update – Ewan Andreasen, KCRHA, Manager, Continuous System Improvement Research and Development

The 2026 PIT Count was completed over a 10-day period from late January to early February, with support from over 150 volunteers, including 32 staff. Data collection focused on individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness across King County, with strong community participation.

Scope and Methodology

- Respondent-driven sampling (RDS) was used for the third time since 2022.
- The count expanded to 28 survey locations across six sub-regions, along with a dedicated phone line for families with minor children.
- A total sample size goal of 2,000 surveys was set, reflecting an increase from prior years.
- Data will be analyzed in partnership with the University of Washington to estimate the total unsheltered population.

Enhancements This Year

- Increased number of survey (hub) sites from 20 to 28.
- Continued use of a family phone line and added a family-specific drop-in site.
- Expanded accessible locations, including libraries and community centers.
- Conducted targeted outreach to youth and service providers.
- Introduced a mobile van to improve data collection in rural and hard-to-reach areas.



Next Steps

- Data analysis is currently underway; a full report is expected in summer 2026.
- Preliminary analysis is anticipated in spring.
- Volunteer feedback collection is ongoing through early April, with additional focus groups planned for April and May.
- A volunteer appreciation event is planned for May.
- Results will be shared with the board once available.

Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup – Paused

Meeting Topic: FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Reallocation and New Project Strategies – Kelsey Beckmeyer, KCRHA, CoC Manager

Plans are underway to restart the NOFO workgroup, originally formed in 2025, to prepare for the FY26 funding cycle and build on prior work.

Federal Updates

- Recent court decisions upheld restrictions preventing HUD from issuing a FY25 NOFO while litigation is ongoing.
- Additional rulings, including in the CoC Builds case, may provide insight into future federal direction.

Planning Approach

- No decisions were requested at this time; the purpose of the update was to prepare the board for upcoming decisions in May–June.
- KCRHA will anchor recommendations in data, HUD guidance, and system performance, with a focus on thoughtful use of reallocation.

Funding Constraints and Impacts

- Anticipated federal constraints may significantly impact local funding:
 - Approximately \$40 million in renewal funding is expected to be protected.
 - About \$25 million may be subject to national competition and higher risk.
 - HUD caps on permanent housing funding will require adjustments, as over 90% of the current portfolio falls in this category.
- The current portfolio exceeds anticipated caps by approximately \$40.6 million, necessitating funding and program changes.



Reallocation Strategy

- An estimated \$19 million may need to be reallocated from existing projects.
- Strategies under consideration include reducing project budgets, transitioning project types, and reallocating funds to new or underfunded interventions.
- Decisions will consider project performance, system goals, and the need to preserve essential services for individuals served.

New Project Planning

- A phased approach is proposed for new project applications to allow more preparation time and align with HUD timelines and procurement requirements.
- Freed funds will be directed toward addressing identified system gaps.

Next Steps

- Additional recommendations and actions will be brought to the board in May and June.
- Ongoing planning will balance federal requirements, local priorities, and system needs.

Meeting Topic: System Performance Measures – Briefing on HUD Submission – Daniel Ramos III, KCRHA, Manager, Data Assets, Research and Data

Federal Reporting and System Performance Measures Overview

- Staff presented an overview of federal reporting, emphasizing the importance of using system-level data to inform planning and decision-making.
- The presentation focused on HUD System Performance Measures, which assess overall system effectiveness rather than individual program performance.
- Federal reporting requirements stem from the McKinney-Vento Act and contribute to annual NOFO scoring; all required reports were submitted on time.

Key Measures Reviewed

- Six applicable system performance measures were highlighted, including:
 - Length of time individuals experience homelessness
 - Returns to homelessness
 - Number of people experiencing homelessness
 - Income growth among program participants
 - First-time homelessness
 - Exits permanent housing

Top-Line Trends



- Length of time homeless increased by approximately 15 days, indicating longer shelter stays.
- Returns to homelessness increased by about 5%.
- Total sheltered homelessness remained relatively stable, with minor year-to-year variation.
- The number of individuals served in shelter programs decreased slightly.
- Income growth among participants remained relatively stable, with more individuals increasing income overall.
- First-time homelessness decreased by approximately 740 individuals.
- Exits from street outreach to permanent housing declined, while overall exits to permanent housing across all programs increased slightly.

Key Takeaways

- Data reflects system-wide trends and should be used to guide resource allocation and strategic planning.
- Some changes are attributed to normal variation, while others highlight areas for further attention, such as longer shelter stays and returns to homelessness.
- Additional context and deeper analysis will be provided in follow-up discussions.

NOTE – A vote was taken to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. However, that extended time wasn't necessary (meeting extended by 2 minutes).

Motion – Extend meeting by 15 minutes – Amy Thomas

Second – Zsa Zsa Floyd

The motion passed by a vote of 11 in favor and 1 opposed

Next Regular Meeting

May 6, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

