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

July 1, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

Roll Call

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

Ruby Tuesday Romero	P
Martha Sassorossi	Proxy – Devin Konick-Seese
Kristina Sawyckyj	P
Victor Loo	P
Amy Thomas	P
Valerie Sasson	P
Rocco DeVito	Absent
Jen Carl	P
John Urquhart	P

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

Amend Agenda

Chair Romero called for an amendment to the agenda to add an Executive Session. The board moved into executive session at 2:14pm to discuss matter relating to RCW 42.30.11 subsections (f) and (i).

- Motion: Amend the agenda to move into Executive Session after Public Comment – ZsaZsa Floyd
- Second: Elizabeth Maupin
- The motion carried with 12 affirmative votes

Name	Vote
Patricia Sam	Absent
Tamara Bauman	Approve
Zsa Zsa Floyd	Approve
Amaiya Leonor	Approve
Elizabeth Maupin	Abstain
Dorsol Plants	Approve
Ruby Tuesday Romero	Approve
Martha Sassorossi	Proxy in attendance
Kristina Sawyckyj	No
Victor Loo	Approve
Amy Thomas	Approve
Valerie Sasson	Approve
Rocco DeVito	Absent
Jen Carl	Approve
John Urquhart	Approve

Meeting Minutes Review:

- Motion: To Approve June 2026 Meeting Minutes – Amaiya Leonor
- Second: ZsaZsa Floyd
- The motion was approved by voice vote

Public Comment: No public comments were made during the meeting or submitted in writing.

Meeting Topic: Introduction of New Board Members - Delayed

- Motion: To table the welcoming of the new board members and give a timeline of the next board meeting to resolve the situation. – John Urquhart
- Second: Amy Thomas
- The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor, with 2 members recusing themselves.

Name	Vote
Patricia Sam	Absent
Tamara Bauman	Approve
Zsa Zsa Floyd	Approve
Amaiya Leonor	Approve
Elizabeth Maupin	Approve
Dorsol Plants	Approve
Ruby Tuesday Romero	Recuse
Martha Sassorossi	Proxy in attendance
Kristina Sawyckyj	Approve
Victor Loo	Recuse
Amy Thomas	Approve
Valerie Sasson	Approve
Rocco DeVito	Absent
Jen Carl	Approve
John Urquhart	Approve

Meeting Topic – Coordinated Entry Assessment Overview

Tom Regan, KCRHA, Coordinated Entry System Manager, presented updates to the proposed Coordinated Entry assessment tools, including revisions made in response to feedback from the Board, cross-system partners, disability advocates, domestic violence service providers, behavioral health partners, and individuals with lived experience. He reported that the Coordinated Entry Policy Advisory Committee had endorsed moving forward with implementation, pending KCRHA executive review and Board approval.

Tom outlined the proposed implementation process, including a 4 to 6-week pilot with Coordinated Entry assessors and participants to evaluate the tools' usability, safety, validity, and training needs before full implementation. He reviewed the two-phase assessment process, tiered prioritization methodology, and the rationale for shifting from prioritization based primarily on length of time homeless to a broader vulnerability-based approach intended to improve housing matching and align with best practices and federal guidance.

Tom also discussed anticipated benefits, including more comprehensive assessments, improved service matching, and strengthened system performance, while acknowledging implementation considerations such as ongoing quality improvement, assessor training, and minimizing bias. Tom presented the Board with two options: approve moving forward with piloting and implementation of the new assessment tools or maintaining the current Coordinated Entry assessment and prioritization process.

Vote – Coordinated Entry Assessment

- Motion: Approve Option 1 for Coordinated Entry Assessment – ZsaZsa Floyd
- Second: Jen Carl
- Motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Name	**Vote**
Patricia Sam	Absent
Tamara Bauman	Approve
Zsa Zsa Floyd	Approve
Amaiya Leonor	Approve
Elizabeth Maupin	Abstain
Dorsol Plants	Approve
Ruby Tuesday Romero	Approve
Martha Sassorossi	Proxy in attendance
Kristina Sawyckyj	No

Victor Loo	Approve
Amy Thomas	Approve
Valerie Sasson	Approve
Rocco DeVito	Absent
Jen Carl	Approve
John Urquhart	Approve

Amend Agenda

Chair Romero called for an amendment to the agenda to extend meeting.

- Motion: To extend the board meeting by 30 minutes.
- Second: Amaiya Leonor
- The motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting Topic: Update – Notice of Funding Opportunity Update – Jeff Simms for Kelsey Beckmeyer

Jeff Simms, KCRHA, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of three current HUD funding opportunities: the FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO, and the CoC Builds NOFO.

Jeff reviewed application timelines, local competition processes, and upcoming Board actions required to approve project priority rankings for submission to HUD. The Board was advised that project recommendations for the CoC and YHDP competitions are expected to be presented for approval at the August 5 meeting.

Jeff also updated the Board on recent litigation involving HUD funding requirements, noting that King County and other plaintiffs prevailed in litigation challenging certain federal funding conditions and that existing preliminary injunctions continue to provide protections during the current funding cycle. Staff explained that while approximately 60% of the community's annual CoC funding falls within HUD's Tier 1 renewal category, the remaining funding is subject to competitive review and reallocation requirements under the current NOFO.

Board members discussed the importance of Youth Action Board (YAB) participation in the YHDP funding process. Jeff confirmed that the YAB will review and vote on youth funding priorities and project recommendations before they are presented to the CoC Board for final approval, consistent with prior funding cycles. Additional clarification was provided regarding the distinction between Tier 1, Tier 2, and CoC Planning funds, as well as the anticipated timeline for potential CoC Builds funding proposals.

Meeting Topic: Ombuds Annual Report Preview – Moved to August agenda

Workgroup and Committee Updates:

System Performance Committee (SPC) – June Meeting Minutes shared via email

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

Coordinated Entry Committee (CEC) – June Meeting Minutes shared via email

Next CEC Meeting – July 23, 2026– 10-11:30am

Next Regular Meeting

August 5, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT