



Seattle-King County CoC Board Special 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 unceded 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

September 28, 2026; 12:30 – 2:30 pm PT

Roll Call

Name	Present
Tamara Bauman	P
Amaiya Leonor	P
Elizabeth Maupin	Absent - Excused
Ruby Tuesday Romero	P
Kristina Sawyckyj	P

Victor Loo	P
Amy Thomas	P
Valerie Sasson	P
Rocco DeVito	P
Jen Carl	Absent
John Urquhart	P
Mercy Wainaina	P
Jack Harlan	P
Michael Pickett	P
Patrick Arney	P
Tina Browne	P
Nichole Alexander	P
Devin Konick-Seese	P

- Roll Call – 16 members present 2 absent.
- Quorum Met – Yes

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

Meeting Topic: - FY26 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Kelsey Beckmeyer, KCRHA, CoC Manager & Jeff Simms, KCRHA, Chief Program Officer

Kelsey Beckmeyer and Jeff Simms provided an overview of the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process and requested Board approval to submit the Consolidated Application and final Priority List to HUD.

The presenters noted that the NOFO process was significantly compressed following court action that paused the competition on August 7. The pause was lifted on September 16, and HUD reissued the NOFO on September 18 with a September 30 deadline. KCRHA, as the CoC lead and collaborative applicant, is responsible for submitting both the Priority List and Consolidated Application.

KCRHA conducted its local competition beginning in June, receiving 94 project applications. Applications were rated and ranked in July, with final determinations completed August 3–4. Due to the compressed federal timeline, Board materials were provided on very short notice. Staff



emphasized that extensive input had been solicited from external partners and that staff had worked intensively to prepare the application.

Contributing Partners:

NOFO Planning Workgroup

City of Seattle

King County

Healthcare for the Homeless Network

Seattle King County Public Health

Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Coalition on Ending Gender-Based Violence

Seattle Housing Authority

King County Housing Authority.

The Consolidated Application addresses several major areas, including:

- Government systems, planning, and partner/community engagement
- Behavioral health and recovery services
- Housing and supportive services
- System coordination, data, HMIS, and shelter coordination
- Public safety and street outreach, including encampment response and overdose prevention
- Youth, families, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, seniors, and other special populations
- Local performance, competition, ranking, and reallocation
- Policy and compliance requirements

Staff highlighted several local initiatives and system developments incorporated into the application, including the Encampment Resolution Program and lessons learned from recent efforts; the youth by-name list; planned expansion of shelter capacity; updates to Coordinated Entry and new triage tools; Crisis Care Centers Levy investments; and challenges associated with the Washington Involuntary Treatment Act and limited treatment resources.

Due to the limited submission window and ongoing edits to portions of the application, staff requested Board authorization to proceed with submission while allowing necessary flexibility to finalize responses. Staff indicated that they intended to submit the application and Priority List as early as possible—potentially by the end of September 28 or early September 29—to avoid anticipated system congestion before HUD's September 30 deadline.



The presentation concluded with an opportunity for Board questions, followed by a request for a formal motion and vote authorizing submission.

Call for Vote

Co-Chair, Victor Loo, called for a motion to vote.

- Motion: Approve and authorize KCRHA to submit the FY26 CoC NOFO Consolidated Application and Priority list with flexibility to finalize and edit for clarity to ensure a high-quality application is submitted on behalf of the CoC – Tamara Bauman
- Second: Rocco DeVito
- The motion passed, with 12 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed, and 3 recusals

Name	Vote
Tamara Bauman	Y
Amaiya Leonor	Y
Elizabeth Maupin	Absent - Excused
Ruby Tuesday Romero	-
Kristina Sawyckyj	N
Victor Loo	Y
Amy Thomas	Y
Valerie Sasson	Y
Rocco DeVito	Y
Jen Carl	Absent
John Urquhart	Y
Mercy Wainaina	Recused
Jack Harlan	Y
Michael Pickett	Y
Patrick Arney	Recused
Tina Browne	Y
Nichole Alexander	Recused
Devin Konick-Seese	Y

Next Steps & Adjourn

Motion: Victor
Second: Patrick



Next Regular Meeting

October 7, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

