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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FROM January 14, 2026, MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: X Special: _	Location: Chinook Building- 401 5th Ave., Seattle, WA Join Zoom Meeting https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89835616024 Meeting ID: 898 3561 6024 Passcode: KCWAB	Called to Order: 4:10 PM	By: Chair Ramsey Mayhew

Members Present:		
Tanya Matthews- *Po. 2* Councilmember Zahilay	Ramsey Mayhew- *Po. 12* Council At-Large	*Po. 7 Vacant* Councilmember Von Reichbauer
Sarah Reyneveld- *Po. 4* Councilmember Baron	Hafsa Azaz- *Po. 13* Council At-Large	*Po. 9 Vacant* Councilmember Dunn
Sarah Brusig- *Po. 5* Councilmember Fain	Nandita Sharma Po. 14 Executive at-Large Representative	*Po. 15 Vacant* Executive at-large Representative
Negin Khanloo- *Po. 6* Councilmember Balducci		
Hend Alhinnawi- *Po. 10* Council At-Large		
Leslie Kay Hamada- *Po.11* Council At-Large		

Excused/Absent:	Kat Hill- *po 1* Councilmember Dembowski; Councilmember Yasmin Ali- *Po. 3* Councilmember Sarah Perry; Maria Langbauer- *Po. 8* Councilmember Mosqueda
Speakers:	Dinah Stephens, Age Friendly Seattle Program Manager- Aging and Disability Services
Staff:	Marjan Didra King County Staff Liaison; Taylor Gaston King County Staff Liaison; Traci Adair King County Staff
Guests:	Dinah Stephens, Age Friendly Seattle Program Manager- Aging and Disability Services; Traci Adair King County Staff
Approval of Agenda: Yes	Vote: 10 Yeas; 2 Excused*
Approval of Minutes: Yes	Vote: 10 Yeas; 2 Excused*

AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Item 1:	**Welcome & Introductions**	
	Chair Ramsey Mayhew welcomed members to the meeting; motions and approvals were made on the agenda and last month's meeting minutes.	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
	Ramsey Mayhew	01/14/2026

Agenda Item 2:	**Public Comment**	
	Hari Chon introduced herself as a member of the public interested in joining the board; shared background (policy role with U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau; volunteer with National Association of Commissions for Women). Hari Chon shared a National Association of Commissions for Women event: a Conversation Forum (Jan 28) featuring the U.S. Women's Caucus; planned to send flyer to staff for distribution. Lisa Bell attended as a member of the public (no comment). Chair offered space for public attendees to share comments as needed.	
Action Items: Staff to send the event flyer from Hari to members once received.	Person Responsible Staff liaisons	Deadline/Due Date
Agenda Item 3:	**Announcements** Board member Leslie Hamada announced that Kent United Methodist Church Emergency Assistance Fund received a major donation (reported as $98,000), strengthening resources entering 2026. Staff announced the King County-DCHS leadership transition. Staff shared a reminder to members about the opportunity to participate in panel review; future opportunities are anticipated. Staff shared about the conflict-of-interest guidance: disclose nonprofit affiliations; reviewers can be assigned different applications.	
Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
	King County Staff Liaison	01/14/2026
Agenda Item 4:	**Age Friendly Seattle Presentation- Q & A**	

- Chair provided context for public attendees: the board's current focus is older adult needs and synthesizing learning into recommendations to Council.

Key Q&A highlights captured in minutes:

- Data timeliness varies by source; some indicators are multi-year aggregates and not updated annually.
- Noted themes:
  - Housing stability, outreach on property tax exemptions.
  - Displacement concerns (older adults leaving cities due to cost).
  - Transportation navigation tools for people with disabilities.
  - Challenges measuring social connectivity

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
	WAB Members	1/14/2026

Agenda Item 5:

Healthy Aging and Thriving Recommendations

- Members discussed edits and structure of the draft recommendations document:
  - Need for a consistent, concise format to clearly identify what the board will vote on.
  - Suggested format per recommendation: brief background paragraph and recommendation statement (retain longer background elsewhere).
  - Plan: members refine their sections; staff/volunteers compile into a uniform version for the next meeting and voting.

Additional content needs identified:

- Food insecurity and dementia/brain health content areas—members expressed desire for more information before finalizing recommendations.

Potential speakers identified:

- UW Memory Hub / Dementia Friends (program manager) for a training overview and resources.
- Alzheimer's Association WA
- Interest in scheduling two presentations in the upcoming meetings

	Housing Recommendation Addition – Property Tax Exemption
	• Discussion to add language on:
	  ○ Preventing displacement by helping older adults remain in their homes.
	  ○ Increasing outreach and awareness for the property tax exemption program.
	  ○ Potential legislative efforts		

		Person Responsible WAB Members	Deadline/Due Date 01/14/2026
Agenda Item 6:	**Healthy Aging and Thriving Forum Discussion** • Discussion of stakeholder session timing (a forum to preview recommendations and gather feedback). • Proposed window: last week of April; tentative target April 29 (backup April 28), likely 12:00–4:00 pm. • Member Sarah Bursig: draft/update letter to Councilmember Stephanie Fain using prior letter template; coordinate with staff. • All section leads/authors: revise recommendations into the agreed concise format (background and recommendation) and return by staff deadline for compilation. • King County staff Traci Adair: follow up to invite dementia-focused speakers (UW Dementia Friends; Alzheimer's Association WA) and coordinate possible presentation dates. • Member Sarah Reyneveld: send proposed property tax exemption recommendation language to Marjan and Maria (and Ramsay, if helpful). • Staff: confirm stakeholder listening session date (aiming for late April) and send "save-the-date" communication; follow up with the small planning group.		
Action Items: Member Sarah Bursig offered to draft/share proposed language to welcome new members with Marjan and Taylor (and include Ramsay as needed).		Person Responsible WAB Members	Deadline/Due Date 2/11/2026

AJOURNMENT

Time: 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: February 11, 2026, Chair: Ramsey Mayhew Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Chinook Building- 401 5th Ave., Room 118, Seattle, WA OR Zoom/Call-In