



King County

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Women's Advisory Board

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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM April 08, 2026, MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: X Special: _	Location: Chinook Building- 401 5 th 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 Hafsa Azaz
Members Present:			
Kat Hill- <i>Po. 1</i> Councilmember Dembowski	Ramsey Mayhew- <i>Po. 12</i> Council At- Large	<i>Po. 7 Vacant</i> Councilmember Von Reichbauer	
Tanya Matthews- <i>Po. 2</i> Councilmember Lewis	Hafsa Azaz- <i>Po. 13</i> Council At-Large	<i>Po. 9 Vacant</i> Councilmember Dunn	
Sarah Reyneveld- <i>Po. 4</i> Councilmember Baron	Nandita Sharma <i>Po. 14</i> Executive at- Large		
Sarah Brusig- <i>Po. 5</i> Councilmember Fain	Hari Chon- <i>Po. 15</i> Executive at-large Representative		
Negin Khanloo- <i>Po. 6</i> Councilmember Balducci			
Hend Alhinnawi- <i>Po. 10</i> Council At-Large			
Excused/Absent:	Yasmin Ali- <i>Po. 3</i> Councilmember Sarah Perry; Maria Langbauer- <i>Po. 8</i> Councilmember Mosqueda; Leslie Kay Hamada- <i>Po. 11</i> Council At-Large		
Speakers:			
Staff:	Marjan Didra King County Staff Liaison; Taylor Gaston King County Staff Liaison; Traci Adair King County Staff		
Guests:	Beth Bardeen		
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 Hafsa Azaz 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	04/08/2026	

Agenda Item 2:	Public Comment		
	None		
Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date	

Agenda Item 3:	Announcements		
	<p>Board members reported attending the event with WAB members. The event featured a panel discussion, community recognition, and highlighted women leaders and notable 'firsts.'</p> <p>The staff liaison reminded all members to submit their updated financial disclosure forms. Some members have already submitted, and others will do so soon.</p> <p>The staff liaison shared that some members may require reappointment; staff will follow up.</p> <p>The staff liaison reported that the Department of Community and Human Services, in partnership with Public Health and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, hosted a Know Your Rights training.</p> <p>The staff shared that Washington State is hosting virtual Age-Friendly and Dementia-Friendly forums. Additionally, free dementia training is available through the University of Washington Memory and Brain Wellness Center.</p>		
Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date	
		04/08/2026	

Agenda Item 4:	Healthy Aging and Thriving Recommendation Discission		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed progress on WAB recommendations • Previously approved sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age-Friendly Communities ○ Transportation ○ Housing ○ Regional Hubs (pending refinement) 		

- **Digital Literacy Section**
 - Key discussion points:
 - Recognized as important but not strongly supported by stakeholder input.
 - Emphasis on:
 - County role as convener and leverage
 - Avoiding operational/service delivery framing
 - Decision:
 - Section to be revised and potentially integrated into “Hubs” recommendation
 - Focus on:
 - Coordination
 - Access
 - Community partnerships
- **Caregiving Recommendations**
 - Focus areas:
 - Caregiver Workforce
 - Address shortages
 - Improve wages, benefits, and career pathways
 - Advocate at state/federal levels
 - Kinship Care Support
 - Continue and monitor funding beyond 2028
 - Ensure continuity across funding streams
- Context provided:
 - Existing funding supports kinship caregivers but is limited and time-bound.
 - Current pilot programs aim to expand caregiver pipeline.

Motion to approve caregiving recommendation:

- Approved (no objections)

Board confirmed:

- Recommendations approved at concept level
- Refinement phase still ongoing

Next steps:

- Add background context and limited data (not overly data-heavy)
- Focus on clarity and alignment with county values

Work Plan and Timeline

- Section leads to complete revisions by April 22
- Data refinement support (Hari) by May 6

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft review on May 13 meeting • Document to be finalized for public presentation 		
Action Items:		Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
		WAB Members	04/08/2026
Agenda Item 5:	Forum Discussion		
	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event sponsorship confirmed (MAPS) • Covers venue, food, and logistics <p>Key Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original April date postponed • New target: Late May / Early June (tentatively June 3) • Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM • Invitations to be sent with ~4–6 weeks notice <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft invitation • Develop invitee list (including levy board, community partners) • Planning group to coordinate logistics 		
		Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
		WAB Members	

AJOURNMENT

Time: 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: May 13, 2026, Chair: Hafsa Azaz Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Chinook Building- 401 5th Ave., Room 118, Seattle, WA OR Zoom/Call-In