



King County

Adult Services Division

Women's Advisory Board

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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM August 12, 2026, MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: X Special: _	Location: Chinook Building- 401 5 th Ave., Seattle, WA Join Zoom Meeting https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/84299745367 Meeting ID: 842 9974 5367	Called to Order: 5:00 PM	By: Chair Kat Hill
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		Hari Chon- <i>Po. 15</i> Executive at-large Representative	<i>Po. 9 Vacant</i> Councilmember Dunn
Yasmin Ali- <i>Po. 3</i> Councilmember Sarah Perry			
Sarah Reyneveld- <i>Po. 4</i> Councilmember Baron			
Maria Langbauer- <i>Po. 8</i> Councilmember Mosqueda			
Leslie Kay Hamada- <i>Po.11</i> Council At-Large			
Excused/Absent:		Sarah Brusig- <i>Po. 5</i> Councilmember Fain; Negin Khanloo- <i>Po. 6</i> Councilmember Balducci; HEND Alhinnawi- <i>Po. 10</i> Council At-Large; Hafsa Azaz- <i>Po. 13</i> Council At- Large Nandita Sharma <i>Po. 14</i> Executive at-Large	
Speakers:			
Staff:	Marjan Didra King County Staff Liaison		
Guests:			
Approval of Agenda: Yes		Vote: 8 Yeas; 5 Excused*	
Approval of Minutes: Yes		Vote: 8 Yeas; 5 Excused*	

AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome & Introductions
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	Chair Kat Hill 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
	Kat Hill	08/12/2026

Agenda Item 2:	Public Comment
	None

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date

Agenda Item 3:	Announcements
	Members noted that several Board members (BM) were unavailable or expected to join late due to travel, work obligations, or other commitments.

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
	Staff	08/12/2026

Agenda Item 4:	New Member Orientation
	BM Chon requested additional orientation regarding the Board's processes and history.
	BM Matthews agreed to schedule a one-on-one orientation for the full orientation. The Board agreed that broader orientation discussion could occur at a future meeting if needed.

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date
	WAB Members	08/12/2026

Agenda Item 5:	Review of the Recommendations
	The Board reviewed the draft Healthy Aging & Thriving recommendations and discussed recent edits made with assistance from Tracy, who reviewed portions of the document for clarity, alignment with the aging-services landscape, and consistency with existing systems.
	Community Connections
	The Board focused particular attention on the Community Connections section, which had remained one of the more challenging sections to finalize. The revised background language emphasizes that older adults may be unaware of services available to them and that agencies and organizations may also lack awareness of one another's services. Members discussed the value of strengthening coordination across government agencies,

nonprofits, community organizations, senior centers, healthcare providers, and other aging-service partners.

Recommendation 1: Strengthen Communication and Coordination

The Board reviewed a proposed recommendation calling for improved coordination and information-sharing among existing aging-access and navigation resources, including 211, Community Living Connections, County navigation resources, aging-service networks, provider forums, and community navigator networks.

Key discussion points included:

- The recommendation should clearly identify what King County is being asked to do rather than broadly calling for “better communication.”
- Members supported making the recommendation more directive by identifying specific coordination activities or mechanisms.
- The recommendation should continue to reflect what community partners told the Board rather than relying solely on a County-system perspective.
- Members noted that many improvements may be achievable by better coordinating existing systems rather than requiring substantial new funding.
- SCOPE may serve as a referral and resource-navigation function but should not be characterized as the entity responsible for convening or building the broader aging-services network.
- Implementation would more appropriately involve policy, contracting, community-engagement, aging-services, jurisdictional, and community-based partners.

Recommendation 2: Public-Facing Aging Resource Map

The Board reviewed a recommendation calling for creation of a clear, accessible, public-facing map of aging resources and improvements to the Area Agency on Aging website.

The proposed resource map would identify services such as:

- County programs;
- Area Agency on Aging-funded services;
- City and age-friendly initiatives;
- Senior centers;
- Caregiver resources; and
- Community-based services

The recommendation also contemplates improved website navigation, searchable information, multilingual and accessible formats, integration with other navigation systems, and regular updates.

	Members also emphasized that a digital map should complement—not replace—human assistance. Older adults may face digital-literacy, technology-access, language, or accessibility barriers, and some individuals will continue to need personal guidance navigating available services. The Board also discussed the original intent behind Community Connections: not simply creating an online directory, but improving coordination among providers themselves. Finalizing the Recommendations Members discussed the remaining work required before the recommendations can be presented at the September public forum. The Board agreed that members responsible for individual recommendation sections should: • Review their assigned section; • Address outstanding comments and tracked changes; • Accept or reject proposed edits as appropriate; • Resolve unanswered questions; • Update or verify supporting information; • Prepare a clean version of their section; and • Coordinate with other members assigned to the same recommendation when necessary. The goal is to move toward a clean draft that can receive a final overall edit after individual sections are completed. Members expressed interest in having the SCOPE team present at a future Board meeting, if staff capacity allows.				
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Agenda Item 5:	Forum Planning Discussion The Board reviewed planning for the Healthy Aging & Thriving Public Forum scheduled for September 15 at MAPS in Redmond. The event will be hybrid, with both in-person and Zoom participation. The County Executive has confirmed plans to attend. Forum Agenda Members reviewed the preliminary agenda and discussed the amount of time allocated to the Board’s recommendation presentation.
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The initial agenda provided approximately 30 minutes for presentation of the recommendations. Members expressed concern that this could be too long for the audience.

The Board discussed reducing the recommendation presentation to approximately 20–25 minutes, allowing additional time for the panel discussion, public feedback, and engagement.

Members agreed that:

- The recommendation presentation should be concise;
- Speakers should avoid reading slides;
- Slides should contain limited text;
- Talking points should provide additional context;
- Presentation time should be divided among the recommendation areas rather than requiring every Board member to speak; and
- A practice run should occur during the September 9 Board meeting.

Board members may coordinate within their recommendation teams regarding who will present.

PowerPoint Presentation

Each recommendation team/member is responsible for updating the corresponding section of PowerPoint. Members were asked to:

- Review their current slides;
- Reduce the amount of text;
- Ensure the slide accurately reflects the recommendation;
- Develop concise talking points;
- Coordinate with other members assigned to the same recommendation; and
- Prepare their materials for incorporation into the overall presentation.

BM Azaz had previously volunteered to support formatting. BM Reyneveld also offered to review the presentation for conciseness and consistency if helpful.

Deadline

The Board established September 3, 2026 as the deadline for members to complete revisions to both:

1. Their assigned written recommendation section; and
2. Their corresponding PowerPoint content.

The September 9 meeting will include preparation and, if possible, a rehearsal of the forum presentation.

Panelist Planning

The Board discussed confirmed and prospective panelists.

Confirmed or anticipated participants discussed during the meeting included representatives with expertise related to aging, transportation/mobility, senior services, and age-friendly work.

The Board discussed providing panelists with approximately three guiding questions. Potential topics include:

	• Major challenges facing older adults in King County; • Gaps panelists are seeing in their areas of expertise; • How the Board’s recommendations may respond to those challenges; and • Additional actions King County should consider. Staff liaison will prepare a brief, high-level summary of the draft recommendations for panelists. Invitations and Outreach The Board discussed the need to move quickly on public outreach because a broad invitation had not yet been distributed. The Board agreed that outreach should include: • King County Councilmembers; • State legislators; • Community organizations; • Former subject-matter experts and participating organizations; • Community partners; • Advisory groups and boards; • Panelists’ networks; and • Other stakeholders Accessibility and Transportation Members emphasized that accessibility—including transportation, virtual participation, digital access, and support for older adults—should remain a consideration in event planning.				
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AJOURNMENT

Time: 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: September 09, 2026, Chair: Kat Hill Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Chinook Building- 401 5th Ave., Room 118, Seattle, WA OR Zoom/Call-In