SKHHP Executive Meeting
August 21, 2026

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Executive Board members present: Nancy Backus, City of Auburn; Dana Ralph, City of Kent; Victoria Schroff, City of Maple Valley; Brian Davis, City of Federal Way; Liz Stead, City of Burien; Kristina Soltys, City of Covington; Dennis Martinez, City of Tukwila; Carmen Rivera, City of Renton; James Lovell, City of SeaTac; Jelani Jackson, King County.

Others present: Dorsol Plants, SKHHP Program Coordinator; Rumi Takahashi, SKHHP Advisory Board; Laural Humphrey, City of Tukwila; Matt Torpey, City of Maple Valley; Angie Mathias, City of Renton; Anyah Zupancic, City of Burien; McCaela Daffern, King County; Megan Utemei, City of Auburn; Merina Hanson, City of Kent.

Dennis Martinez joined at 1:07 PM

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Dennis Martinez moved and Kristina Soltys seconded to add an Executive Session pursuit to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

Motion carried. (11-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss matters relating to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

Please note that Executive Session is closed to the public.

BOARD ACTION

Brian Davis moved and Dennis Martinez seconded to add action from the Executive Session to the Agenda

Motion carried. (11-0)

Brian Davis moved and Dennis Martinez seconded that the City of Auburn enter negotiations with Dorsol Plants for the position of SKHHP Executive Manager.

Motion carried. (11-0)

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2026 MINUTES

Kristina Soltys moved and Jelani Jackson seconded to adopt the July 17, 2026 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED. (11-0)

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No 2026-06
A Resolution of the Executive Board Extending the Use of Funds Deadline for the LIHI Skyway Project.

Victoria Chow, Project Manager for the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) provided a brief project update to the Board and Dorsol Plants reviewed the resolution and next steps for moving into contracting for the Skyway Project.

Dana Ralph moved and Kristina Soltys seconded to adopt Resolution No 2026-06.

MOTION CARRIED. (11-0)

DISCUSSION ITEM

A. King County Executive's Breaking the Cycle Investment & Revenue in Homelessness/Housing (IRHH) Workgroup

Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation for King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, provided an overview of the Breaking the Cycle Investment & Revenue workgroup, including the potential for a new revenue source to support affordable housing.

The Board expressed concerns regarding the potential impact of new property taxes on residents already facing affordability challenges and requested additional information on how existing revenues dedicated to affordable housing and homelessness are currently utilized.

B. 2027 Legislative Priorities Flyer and Subregional Credit Update

This item was moved to the October 16, 2026 Executive Board meeting to provide more time for Board discussion.

C. 2026 Quarter 2 Progress Report

Dorsol Plants briefly reviewed the 2026 Quarter 2 Progress Report and will send it to the Staff Work Group for distribution to the SKHHP member councils and other interested stakeholders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Backus had previously attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties Miller's Creek project, where she spoke with a family that recently purchased a home. She noted that she reconnected with the family last week at a FUSION event, which highlighted their transition from homelessness to homeownership, with funding from SKHHP serving as an essential catalyst for the affordable housing opportunity.

Dorsol Plants informed the Board about an upcoming tour of the Burien Family Housing project on September 18, 2026, which highlights another nearly completed project utilizing SKHHP investments.

Dorsol Plants announced that King County will host a lunch-and-learn event about the Crisis Care Levy on September 11, 2026.

McCaela Daffern shared information about the senior property tax exemption program.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Backus adjourned the meeting at 3:02 PM.

Dorsol Plants

Dorsol Plants, Executive Manager