

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Minutes Commission Regular Meeting**  
**July 22, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gabriela Lopez Vazquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Gabriela Lopez Vazquez, Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan, Commissioners Kobey Sage Chew, Cristian Liu, Shannon Quinn, Tasnim Rehamani

Excused Absences: Youth Commissioner Eric Dodd.

Commissioner Jory Hamilton joined at 6:32 pm.

Staff Present: Human Services Manager Jen Boone, Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith, Human Services Coordinator Amanda Judd, Management Analyst Juliana da Cruz, Human Services Office Specialist Kerry Lam.

Meeting Recorder: Human Services Office Specialist Kerry Lam.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commissioner Cristian Liu read the land acknowledgment. Commissioner Shannon Quinn will read the land acknowledgement for the August meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Gabriela Lopez Vazquez requested a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 minutes. Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan motioned for approval. Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 7 No: 0, Abstention:0).

**5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**6. BUSINESS**

a. 2026 Community Development Block Grant Allocation

Human Services Manager, Jen Boone, presented on the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program including the definition and funding formula, City of Kirkland participation in the King County Consortium, 2025 summary, 2026 estimated allocations, and next steps including the August 26, 2025 CDBG Public Hearing and September 16, 2025 Council Meeting to request approval of 2026 allocation.

**7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

a. Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan Update

Human Services Coordinator, Amanda Judd, and Management Analyst, Juliana da Cruz, presented the draft Homeless Continuum of Care Action Plan. They reviewed four priority assessment areas: investing in prevention, continuing and expanding support for the coordinated response to homelessness, continuing investments in shelter capacity and pilot programs aimed at reducing barriers to shelter, and connecting Kirkland residents to investments in regional subsidized permanent housing. Commissioners provided feedback and discussed what they feel is the highest priority and ideas for potential funding options. Presenters will send an email out with slides and ask Commissioners to send feedback or additional questions.

b. Health Through Housing Update

Human Services Coordinator, Amanda Judd, provided a presentation on the Health Through Housing Initiative, including an overview of what the King County Health Through Housing Initiative and Permanent Supportive Housing is, partnerships and collaborations, and status of the HTH Kirkland Project. Staff pointed to additional information in the Commission memo packet, King County Health Through Housing website, and City of Kirkland Health Through Housing website.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner reports were postponed due to time constraints.

b. Staff Reports & Announcements

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gabriela Lopez Vazquez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Cristian Liu. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.