

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 January 12, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
 Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mark Mullet, Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Councilmember Russell Joe, Deputy Council President Tola Marts (*Attended Virtually*), Councilmember Kevin Nichols, and Councilmember Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator, Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator, Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney, and Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mullet called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

a) **AB 9133 - City Council Vacancy, Position No. 2**

The following applicants made 3-5 presentations to the City Council:

1. Jason Voiss
2. Jaime Fajardo
3. Diogo Magalhaes
4. Ted Cyrek
5. Landon Halverson
6. Katherine Hurt
7. Paul Adair
8. Connie Masulunes
9. Antoine Pin
10. Fred Nystrom
11. Adam Fuchs
12. Jeffrey Newell

b) **ID 1959 - Executive (Closed) Session: Discuss qualifications of appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)**

At 7:34 PM, the Mayor announced the City Council would move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing qualifications of appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The item was expected to take approximately 30 minutes and action was anticipated in open session. A 10-minute break occurred. The City Council moved into Executive Session at 7:43 PM. The 30-minute session was extended by 15 minutes.

c) **AB 9133 - City Council Vacancy, Position No. 2, Potential Narrowing of Applicants**

The open session was reconvened at 8:28 PM.

The Mayor asked how the Council would like to narrow candidates. The Council agreed to proceed to nominate a slate of candidates to move forward.

Councilmember Jiang nominated Paul Adair. Councilmember Walsh seconded.

Councilmember Nichols nominated Landon Halverson. Councilmember Jiang seconded.

Deputy Council President Marts nominated Katherine Hurt. Councilmember Joe seconded.

Councilmember Joe nominated Jeffrey Newell. Deputy Council President Marts seconded.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor announced the nominations were closed.

MOTION: Proceed with the slate of candidates: Paul Adair, Landon Halverson, Katherine Hurt and Jeffrey Newell.

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Council President de Michele, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Deputy Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
OPPOSED:	None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk