



King County

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Meeting Minutes Law and Justice Committee

Councilmembers:
Girmay Zahilay, Chair;
Kathy Lambert, Vice-Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Lead Staff: Nick Bowman (206-477-7607)
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9:30 AM

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Virtual Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC NOTICE: The Law and Justice Committee meetings will be held virtually until further notice. To help prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus the chambers will be closed and all committee members and staff will be participating in the meeting remotely. The live feed of the video conference will be streaming on the King County Council's website and on KCTV Channel 22. Ways to provide public comment are noted below.

Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT: The Law and Justice Committee values community input and looks forward to hearing from you on agenda items.

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1) In writing: You may comment in writing on agenda items by submitting your written comments to kcccomitt@kingcounty.gov or by going to https://kingcounty.gov/council/committees/law_justice.aspx and selecting "Click Here to Submit Written Public Comment". If your comments are submitted before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the Law and Justice Committee meeting, your comments will be distributed to the committee members and appropriate staff prior to the meeting.

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Girmay Zahilay at 9:32 a.m

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 6 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Zahilay

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Dembowski moved approval of the May 4, 2021, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individual provided public comment:

Amanda Chilcott Castro

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0193](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the public defense advisory board; and amending Ordinance 17678, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.60.031.

Jenny Giambattista, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Louis Frantz, Public Defense Advisory Board, addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Striking amendment S1, the amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Zahilay

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0194](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the public defender selection process; and amending Ordinance 17588, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.026.

Jenny Giambattista, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Gail Stone, Law and Justice Policy Advisor, Executive Staff and Louis Frantz, Public Defense Advisory Board, addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Zahilay

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0205](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive develop a plan for establishing a community-based countywide hotline, web portal, incident reporting requirements for a countywide data collection system and public awareness campaign for persons to report hate crimes and incidents.

Mike Reed, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Councilmember Dunn moved amendment 1 and 2. The amendments were adopted.

A motion was made by Council Member Dunn that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Zahilay

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0156](#)

A MOTION signaling the council's intent to establish a hate crimes unit within the criminal investigation division of the department of public safety.

This matter was Deferred

Briefing

9. [Briefing No. 2021-B0112](#)

Evaluation of King County Sheriff's Office: Policy, Practice, and Review Mechanisms for Officer-Involved Shootings: Systemic Review relating to the November 25, 2019 Officer-Involved Shooting of Anthony Chilcott.

Acting Director Adrienne Watt, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight, gave an introduction of the matter. Katy Kirschner, Senior Policy Analyst, OLEO, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members. Mitzi Johanknecht, Sheriff, King County Sheriff's Office, commented and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature