



# King County

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## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

*Councilmembers:*

*Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Joe McDermott, Sarah  
Perry, Dave Upthegrove,  
Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

*Lead Staff: Andy Micklow (206-263-3226)  
Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)*

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9:30 AM

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Virtual Meeting

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:** The Committee of the Whole 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.

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- 1) Stream online via this link:  
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- 2) Watch King County TV Channel 22 (Comcast Channel 22 and 322(HD), Wave Broadband Channel 22)
- 3) Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Meeting” above.

To help us manage the meeting, if you do not wish to be called upon for public comment please use the Livestream or King County TV options listed above, if possible, to watch or listen to the meeting.

## 1. Call to Order

*Chair Kohl Welles called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.*

## 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Councilmember Dunn moved approval of the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

**4. Public Comment**

*The following people were present to offer public comment:*

- 1. Brady Nordstrom*
- 2. Elena Perez*
- 3. Eliana Horn*
- 4. Cesar Garcia*
- 5. Emmanuel Dolo*
- 6. Gregory Davis*
- 7. Patience Malaba*
- 8. Hoda Abdullahi*
- 9. Howard Greenwich*
- 10. Abby Brockman*
- 11. Clifford Cawthon*
- 12. Kayla Jackson*
- 13. Laura Loe*
- 14. Maria Guadalupe Ramirez*
- 15. Peter Gishuru*
- 16. Yordanos Teferi*

**Discussion and Possible Action****5. Proposed Motion No. 2022-0047**

A MOTION approving the extension of the executive's appointment of Dennis Worsham as acting director of the King County department of public health.

**Sponsors:** Kohl-Welles

*Sam Porter, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Susan Eddy, Human Resources Manager, Department of Human Resources was present to comment and answer questions from the members.*

*This item was expedited to February 22, 2022 Council Agenda.*

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

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**6. Proposed Motion No. 2022-0010**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Afua Kouyate to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

*Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Afua Kouyate, appointee to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board, was present to comment and answer questions from the members. Claire Miccio, 4Culture Government and Community Relations Manager was also present to answer questions.*

*This item was expedited to February 22, 2022 Council Agenda.*

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

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

## Briefing

### 7. [Briefing No. 2022-B0029](#)

Arts Fund COVID Report

*Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund and Sarah Sidman, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Communications, ArtsFund, briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 8. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0467](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive establish an equitable development initiative and prepare an implementation plan.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski, Zahilay and Kohl-Welles

*Jenny Ngo, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Karan Gill, Deputy Chief of Staff, Executive Office and Kelly Rider, Government Relations Officer, DCHS commented and answered questions from the members*

**This matter was Deferred**

## Other Business

*There was no further business to come before the committee.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature