



King County

Metropolitan King County Council Committee of the Whole

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Leah Krekel-Zoppi
Proposed No.:	2020-0074	Date:	February 24, 2020

SUBJECT

A motion confirming AC Petersen to the 4Culture Board.

SUMMARY

This proposed motion would confirm the appointment of AC Petersen, who resides in Council District 6, to the 4Culture Board for the remainder of a three year term expiring on December 31, 2022. Ms. Petersen is an active community member and has a background in the arts, meeting the criteria for Board members established in the 4Culture Charter.

BACKGROUND

The King County Council created 4Culture, King County's Cultural Public Development Authority, in 2002¹ in to administer King County's arts and heritage programs.

4Culture's name was derived from its four cultural programs:

- **Arts.** 4Culture provides capital and operating grant funding for individual artists, groups, and community organizations.
- **Heritage.** 4Culture provides capital and operating grant funding for organizations focused on building the historical record, preserving and enhancing the character of the region, and sharing local heritage resources.
- **Preservation.** 4Culture provides project, capital, and operating support to aid in the historic preservation of buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes. The organization also provides support for heritage tourism for King County communities.

¹ Ordinance 14482

- **Public Art.** 4Culture manages the County's 1% for Art program, and manages arts installations throughout the county.

4Culture is governed by a fifteen member Board of Directors. Directors are to have a demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of cultural resources, be active and experienced in community and civic issues and concerns, and have the ability to evaluate the needs of cultural constituencies in the region as a whole. Directors are to represent a range of talents, experience, backgrounds, and viewpoints and to be sought from a range of: professional artists; arts administrators; architects; landscape architects; administrators, professionals and specialists in heritage and historic preservation; administrators, professionals and specialists in cultural education; urban planners and designers; attorneys; community arts and heritage activists; business professionals; and the community at large. Directors must be residents of King County and are to be chosen to reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of the County.²

With the passage of Ordinance 18684 in 2018 and Ordinance 19036 in 2019, the appointment process for the 4Culture Board changed to the following:

- Position 1 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 1;
- Position 2 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 2;
- Position 3 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 3;
- Position 4 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 4;
- Position 5 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 5;
- Position 6 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 6;
- Position 7 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 7;
- Position 8 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 8;
- Position 9 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember representing County Council District 9; and
- Positions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 are to be appointed by the County Executive.³

Appointments are subject to confirmation by the Council by motion.⁴ Board members may begin serving as voting members upon confirmation by the Council.⁵

² Ordinance 19036, Attachment A, Section 5.2.B

³ Ordinance 19036, Attachment A, Section 5.2.D

⁴ Ordinance 19036, Attachment A, Section 5.2.E

⁵ Ordinance 19036, Attachment B, Section 1.4

Board members serve for terms of three years and may serve up to two consecutive full terms.⁶ In addition to the fifteen board members, 4Culture has five ex-officio board members which include one member of the Executive staff, three county councilmembers, and the 4Culture Executive Director.⁷

4Culture Board Candidate AC Petersen

Ms. Petersen lives in Kirkland in Council District 6 and was appointed to fill a vacancy in for the remainder of the current term for 4Culture Board position 13 by Executive Dow Constantine. Ms. Petersen has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Architecture and recently retired as a Communications Officer with UW Libraries. Ms. Petersen has produced numerous works of dance and choreography locally and nationally.

ANALYSIS

This proposed motion would confirm the appointment of Ms. Petersen to the 4Culture Board for the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2022. Ms. Petersen meets the criteria established in the 4Culture Charter for 4Culture board members and was nominated according to the process established in Ordinance 19036 and the 4Culture Charter and Bylaws.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2020-0074
2. AC Petersen's appointment letter
3. AC Petersen's resume

INVITED

1. AC Petersen, 4Culture Board appointee

⁶ Ordinance 19036, Attachment A, Section 5.3

⁷ Ordinance 19036, Attachment A, Section 5.8

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