



**King County**

**Metropolitan King County Council  
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee**

**STAFF REPORT**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	5	<b>Name:</b>	Nick Bowman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2022-0445	<b>Date:</b>	February 14, 2023

**SUBJECT**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jesse Anderson to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

**BACKGROUND**

King County Council approved Ordinance 17993 in March 2015, authorizing a ballot measure for the capital, transition, and financing costs for PSERN to be funded through a nine-year property tax levy. Voters approved the ballot measure in April of that year. Once completed, PSERN will replace and upgrade the county's existing emergency radio communications system which is more than twenty years old.

Ordinance 19165, approved by the King County Council in September 2020, authorized the Executive to execute the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (PSERN Operator ILA) with the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila to create the PSERN Operator<sup>1</sup> that will assume ownership and control of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) following project full system acceptance (FSA). Project FSA is currently anticipated for June 2023.

The PSERN Operator ILA also establishes a Board of Directors to serve as the governing body of the PSERN Operator. Table 1 on the next page provides an overview of the Board's composition.

**Table 1. PSERN Board of Directors Composition**

4 Voting Members	King County Executive <i>or</i> designee approved by the King County Council
	City of Seattle Mayor <i>or</i> designee
	One mayor <i>or</i> city manager <i>or</i> designee representing Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency

<sup>1</sup> Per the PSERN Operator ILA, the PSERN Operator is established as a new separate governmental agency under RCW 39.34.030(3)(b) that is organized as a nonprofit corporation under RCW chapter 24.06 as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 39.34 RCW) to assume ownership and control of PSERN following project full system acceptance.

	(EPSCA) member cities
	One mayor <i>or</i> city manager <i>or</i> designee representing Valley Communications Center (Valley Com) member cities
2 Non-voting Members	Representative appointed by the King County Police Chiefs & Sheriff Association
	Representative selected jointly by the King County Fire Commissioners Association and the King County Fire Chiefs Association

As noted in Table 1, appointment of a designee of the King County Executive to serve as the King County representative to the Board requires King County Council confirmation by motion. This requirement would be fulfilled by Council approval of Proposed Motion 2022-0445.

### **APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

Undersheriff Jesse Anderson has over 30 years of policing experience with the King County Sheriff's Office and has long-term working relationships within KCSO and its contract partners. In addition to having a bachelor's degree and many supervisory & management training classes, Undersheriff Anderson graduated from the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff & Command.

### **ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. The appointment appears to be consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 19165.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2022-0445 (attachments available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letter