



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Law and Justice Committee

Councilmembers:
Jorge Barón, Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Vice-Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn

Lead Staff: Wendy Soo Hoo (206-477-0890)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206-477-7470)

1:00 PM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Barón called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was recessed at 1:01 p.m.. The meeting was reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 4 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski and Dunn

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Balducci moved approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individuals were present to provide public comment:
Erin Lovell
Cody Zeleski

Briefing

5. **[Briefing No. 2024-B0010](#)**

Regional Approaches to Gun Violence Prevention

Eleuthera Lisch, Director, King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, Public Health- Seattle & King County, Violetta Stringer, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Gun Violence Prevention, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Shawn Ledford, Chief, Criminal Investigation Division, King County Sheriff's Office, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

6. [Briefing No. 2024-B0015](#)

Briefing: Law & Justice Committee Potential Legislation and Issues for 2024

Wendy Soo Hoo, Melissa Bailey, Nick Bowman, Mary Bourguignon, Andrew Kim, Erica Newman, and Sam Porter, Council staff, briefed the committee.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0275](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the report on the department of public defense's assigned counsel hourly rates in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P5.

Melissa Bailey, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Anita Khandelwal, Director, Department of Public Defense, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

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

Yes: 3 - Barón, Dembowski and Dunn

Excused: 1 - Balducci

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature