## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Items:** | 6 | **Name:** | Renita Borders |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2018-0387 | **Date:** | February 5, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2018-0387 confirming Executive appointment of Justice Bobbe Bridge, ret, to the King County Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB).

**SUMMARY**

The Executive has forwarded for Council consideration and approval the appointment of Justice Bobbe Bridge, ret, who resides in council district four, to the King County Children and Youth Advisory Board, for the remainder of a four year term expiring January 31, 2022. Proposed Motion 2018-0387 would confirm this appointment to the CYAB.

**BACKGROUND**

The Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB), created via Ordinance 18217[[1]](#footnote-1), has a stated goal of improving the “health and well-being” of children and youth through use of a collective impact model[[2]](#footnote-2) to implement prevention and early-intervention-focused strategies.

**Board Duties.** The CYAB serves two purposes, with responsibilities relating to Youth Action Plan (YAP) recommendations and Best Starts for Kids (BSK).[[3]](#footnote-3) Under Ordinance 18217, as recommended in the YAP and as required by Ordinance 18088 (BSK levy ordinance), the CYAB was created to act in an advisory capacity to the Executive and Council to:

* Assist King County policymakers as they consider outcomes, policies, and investments for children, families, youth and young adults; and
* Serve as the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) strategies oversight and advisory body, including making recommendations on and monitoring the distributions of levy proceeds described in Ordinance 18088, Section 5.C.1., 2., and 4.

In addition to duties pertaining to having participated in the development of the Best Starts for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan, the Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan, and the Best Starts for Kids Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan, the CYAB's duties include:

* Make recommendations to the Executive and Council regarding children and youth services, consistent with the recommendations in the YAP.
* Receive and review King County outcomes and data, recommending improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong data collection and indicator protocols.
* Assist the Executive and Council with the comprehensive review and analysis of King County government's programs, services and outcomes for children, families, youth and young adults for alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.
* Recommend policy, budget, and other findings to the Executive and Council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.
* Participate with, track and report on efforts of partnerships, coalitions and networks throughout the region to inform the development of an aligned, region wide response that leads to improved outcomes.
* Be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.
* Consistent with a collective impact model:
	+ review and advise the Executive and Council  on emerging and evolving best and promising practices to improve the health and well-being of children and youth;
	+ coordinate with other county boards and groups including, but not limited to, the steering committee to address juvenile justice disproportionality, the mental illness and drug dependency (MIDD) oversight board, the regional human services levy citizen oversight board and the veterans levy citizen oversight board, to maximize the impact of the county's children and youth services;
	+ serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved in improving the health and well-being of children and youth; and
	+ coordinate and share information with other related external efforts and groups.

**Board Membership.** CYAB membership criteria and term limits are as follows:[[4]](#footnote-4)

* Consist of no more than forty members, at least three of whom must be no more than 24 years of age;
* Include a “wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives”; and
* Be appointed by the Executive and confirmed by Council.

The terms of initial appointments to the CYAB were determined by lot, including:

* 13 positions with initial terms of 2-years;
* 13 positions with initial terms of 3-years; and
* Remainder of positions (up to 14) with initial terms of 4-years.

After initial terms have expired, all terms are for three years.[[5]](#footnote-5)

**ANALYSIS**

The application materials note that Justice Bobbe Bridge, ret, is the Founding President/CEO of the Center for Children and Youth Justice, a nonprofit organization she created in 2006 to reform child welfare and juvenile systems in Washington State. Justice Bridge has served as a member and chaired multiple task forces, commissions, and committees, to include: Juvenile Justice Operational Master Planning Committee, Building Bridges, Youthcare and YWCA. Additionally, as an advocate for children and youth, she has received many awards,: 2015 Debra Friedman Timeless Award, 2010 Advocacy Spirit Award from the National Network for Youth, and in 2009 Strategies for Youth award from the Washington State Lieutenant Governor, to name a few. Justice Bridge states: “Our kids deserve a fighting chance to become strong, self-sufficient and thriving members of the community. More unified, better-informed child welfare and juvenile justice systems will give them that chance.”

**INVITED**

1. Justice Bobbe Bridge, ret, Appointee, King County Children and Youth Advisory Board
2. Kerry Wade, Program Manager, Department of Community and Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2018-0387 (Attachments are available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letters
1. Ordinance 18217, adopted by Council on January 11, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ordinance 18217 defines collective impact as “a process for achieving meaningful and sustainable progress on complex social issues that involves convening stakeholders across sectors and communities, who share a common vision and a shared agenda for assuring accountability and measuring results.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Motion 14378, approved by Council on June 15, 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. K.C.C. 2A.300.510.I.1., 2., and 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. K.C.C. 2A.300.510.J. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)