

**Metropolitan King County Council**

**Community, Health, and Housing Services Committee**

## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 5 | **Name:** | Clifton Curry |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2020-0031 | **Date:** | February 5, 2020 |

**SUBJECT**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Steven Andrews, who resides in council district six, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

**BACKGROUND**

The 15-member Board for Developmental Disabilities is a citizen advisory board that provides oversight of community services for children with developmental delays, adults with developmental disabilities and the families of these individuals. The board is established under state law (RCW 71.A.14.020)[[1]](#footnote-1) and King County Code 2.32.020. The board develops plans for developmental disability services, advises on funding priorities, and advocates for increases in funding and improvement in services. Board members include family advocates, self-advocates, professionals, and interested citizens.

**APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

This Motion would appoint Mr. Andrews, who resides in Council District 6, to the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities, for a term expiring September 30, 2022. Mr. Andrew’s application materials note that he was diagnosed with a disability in 2012 and he has since “dedicated my life to creating understanding, acceptance, inclusion, and opportunity for disabled people.” Mr. Andrew is self-employed and reports that he has over 20 years of experience in the tech industry. He reports that he now works “in the disability space as a speaker, writer, and trainer on disability and mental health issues. I regularly engage with varied audiences including individuals and families, educators, business leaders, faith leaders, and the United States military.” He also notes that he is responsible for weekly group meetings for disabled adults in the City of Redmond and serves on the advisory board for several disability-related non-profits

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with state law and King County Code requirements.

**INVITED**

* Steven Andrews, Appointee to Board for Developmental Disabilities
* Jim Ott, Department of Community and Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Motion 2020-0031
2. Executive’s Transmittal Letter (attachments available upon request)
1. RCW 71.A.14.020 allows that “The county governing authority of any county may appoint a developmental disability board to plan services for persons with developmental disabilities, to provide directly or indirectly a continuum of care and services to persons with developmental disabilities within the county or counties served by the community board.” Boards established pursuant to this RCW can have up to 15 members. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)