



King County

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Meeting Minutes Law, Justice, Health and Human Services Committee

Councilmembers:

Girmay Zahilay, Chair;

Sarah Perry, Vice-Chair;

*Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Jeanne
Kohl-Welles*

Lead Staff: Sam Porter (206-263-2708)

Co-Lead: Miranda Leskinen (206-263-5783)

Committee Clerk: Angelica Calderon (206-477-0874)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Chair Zahilay called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry and Zahilay

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Perry moved approval of the September 28, 2023 Special meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Comment

The following people were present to provided public comment:

1. Margarite Richard
2. Alex Tzimerman
3. Jim Conly Jr.
4. June Aimer
5. Moyel Cohen

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0283](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the first of two reports on the strategic planning process for the future of secure juvenile detention in King County, in accordance with Ordinance 19546, Section 106, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Leah Krekel Zoppi, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services and Sheila Ater Capestany, Division Director, Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division, Department of Community and Human Services were present to briefed the Committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Perry that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0211](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the civil protection order proviso report as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 35, Proviso P1.A.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Melissa Bailey, Council staff, briefed the Committee on the legislation and answered questions from the members. Also present were Patrick Oishi, Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court, Catherine Cornwall, Director, Department of Judicial Administration, Melinda Johnson-Taylor, Family Court Operations Director, King County Superior Court, Sean O'Donnell, Unified Family Court Chief Judge, King County Superior Court to commented and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1 and Title amendment T1. The amendments were adopted.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Perry that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry and Zahilay

Briefing

7. [Briefing No. 2023-B0097](#)

Class A Attorney Attrition Crisis

Adam S. Heyman, Staff Attorney, Kent Felony Unit, Associated Counsel for the Accused Division (ACAD), DPD; Elbert Aull, Staff Attorney, Kent Felony Unit, The Defender Association Division (TDAD), DPD, Molly Gilbert; Public Defense

Investigator, King County Department of Public Defense (DPD), and DPD/SEIU 925 Union President, Bob Boruchowitz, Professor and Director, The Defender Initiative, Seattle University School of Law, Gordon Hill, Assistant County Executive, Department of Public Defense, Leesa Manion, King County Prosecuting Attorney; Dan Clark, Criminal Division Chief, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) and Anita Khandelwal, Director of Public Defense, Department of Public Defense were presented to brief the Committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature