



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

**Councilmembers:**

*Joe McDermott, Chair;*

*Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair;*

*Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Kathy Lambert, Dave Upthegrove,*

*Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

*Lead Staff: Jake Tracy (206-263-0875)*

*Committee Clerk: Marka Steadman (206-477-0887)*

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9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chair McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Councilmember Zahilay moved approval of the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

*The following individual provided public comment:  
Mark Johnston*

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 5. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0336](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the south division, southwest electoral district, judge position number one of the King County district court.

*Erica Newman, Council staff, provided an introductory overview. The committee interviewed judicial vacancy candidates Brian Todd, David Vogel, and Haydee Vargas.*

*The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:35 a.m. for 15 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The Executive session was extended until 10:55 a.m. The Executive session was further extended until 11:05 a.m. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.*

*This item was expedited to the September 21, 2021, Council agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dunn that this Motion be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

### 6. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0289](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive provide an assessment report that makes recommendations on roles and responsibilities of the county and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority in responding to the regional homelessness crisis, and a motion accepting the assessment report.

*April Sanders, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

*Councilmember Dembowski moved to adopt amendment 1. The amendment was adopted.*

*Councilmember Dembowski moved to adopt title amendment 1. The amendment was adopted.*

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

**Yes:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

## Briefing

7. [Briefing No. 2021-B0127](#)

Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan

*Miranda Leskinen, Council staff, and Wendy SooHoo, Council staff, briefed the committee. Sheila Capestany, Division Director, Children, Youth and Young Adults, and Strategic Advisor for Children and Youth, King County Department of Community and Human Services, answered questions from the members.*

**This matter was Presented**

## Discussion and Possible Action

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0318](#)

A MOTION requesting that the King County executive transmit a report to the King County council that includes plans for assessing and addressing safety concerns relating to City Hall park and the King County Courthouse, providing shelter and services to any current and potential future occupants of City Hall park and assessing and recommending options for the county to acquire City Hall park.

**This matter was Deferred**

## Other Business

*There was no further business to come before the committee.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature