



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)

9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 Dunn moved approval of the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

Ayan

Biniam (Ben)

Eiob Teklie

Kiro

Josie Avena

Meskal

Meseret Amara

Sara Moallin

Sisay Kibaret

Tigist Berhne

Tenaye Woldesilsie

Woinshet Woldetsadik

Alazar Yirgu

Briefing

5. [Briefing No. 2021-B0117](#)

Executive COVID-19 Briefing

Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0264](#)

A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to enter into a contract for services to represent the county with the Washington state Legislature.

Jeff, Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the committee. Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations, provided comments and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Balducci moved to adopt amendment 1. The amendment was adopted.

This matter was expedited to the September 7, 2021 Council agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci 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

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

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

April Sanders, Council staff briefed the committee. Kelly Rider, Government Relations Manager, Department of Community and Human Services, provided comments and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

8. Executive Session

The Chair recessed the meeting into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 to discuss with legal counsel legal risk of a proposed action when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the County at 10:45 a.m. for 20 minutes. The Executive session was extended until 11:12 a.m. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Adjournment

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

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature