



# 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, October 20, 2021

Virtual Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

*Chair McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 October 6, 2021, meeting minutes.  
There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Public Comment**

*The following individuals provided public comment:*

*Karama Hawkins*

*Coalition of People of Color representative*

*Addie Smith*

*Robert Armstead*

*Jesse Wineberry*

## Discussion and Possible Action

### 5. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0335](#)

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

*Councilmember Balducci made a motion to accept Peter Peaquin and Rania Rampersad as the finalists to be interviewed by the committee for the judicial vacancy. The motion was adopted. Erica Newman, Council staff, provided introductory comments. Peter Peaquin and Rania Rampersad addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.*

*The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:47 a.m. for 13 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

*Councilmember Balducci proposed an oral amendment to place the name of Rania Rampersad on the blank line on page 3, line 25 of the proposed motion. The oral amendment was adopted.*

*This matter was expedited to the October 26, 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:** 8 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Uptegrove and Mr. Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

### 6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0288](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the Best Start for Kids implementation plan required by Ordinance 19267, Section 7, to govern the expenditure of Best Start for Kids levy proceeds from 2022 through 2027, to promote improved health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as the families and communities in which they live.

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

**Yes:** 8 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Uptegrove and Mr. Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0391](#)

A MOTION declaring that race- and gender-conscious affirmative action practices in the county are urgently needed to combat discrimination that race- and gender-neutral measures have failed to eliminate in King County.

*Andrew Kim, Council staff, briefed the committee. Councilmember Zahilay moved amendment T1. The amendment was adopted.*

*This matter was expedited to the October 26, 2021, Council agenda.*

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

**Yes:** 8 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove and Mr. Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

**Other Business**

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

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.*

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

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Clerk's Signature