



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, December 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 von Reichbauer moved approval of the November 17, 2021, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individual provided oral comment:

Holly Chisa

Briefing

5. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0155](#)**

Executive COVID 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. 2021-0434](#)

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

Erica Newman, Council staff, provided an introductory overview. Councilmember Kohl-Welles made a motion to accept Jennifer Cruz and Rebecca Robertson as the finalists for the judicial vacancy. The motion passed. The committee interviewed judicial candidates Jennifer Cruz and Rebecca Robertson.

The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 11:15 a.m. for 10 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The executive session was extended an additional five minutes. The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Councilmember von Reichbauer made an oral amendment to add the name "Rebecca Robertson" to the blank on page 2, line 24, of the motion. The amendment was adopted.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer 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-B0156](#)

4Culture Annual Report and Budget

Leah Krekel-Zoppi, Council staff, provided introductory comments. Brian Carter, Director, 4Culture; and Josh Heim, Deputy Director, 4Culture; briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0416](#)

A MOTION establishing the King County 2022 State Legislative Agenda.

Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations, addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci 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

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0290](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to employment; ending the hazard pay requirement for additional compensation for grocery employees working in the unincorporated area of King County; and amending Ordinance 19247, Section 14.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Councilmember Balducci moved amendment 1. The amendment was adopted with Councilmember Dembowski voting no.

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

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

No: 1 - Mr. Dembowski

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature