

# Governing Committee

## King County Regional Homelessness Authority

### KCRHA Governing Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday,  
January 21, 2021

10:00am to 12:00pm

Virtual Meeting Link Available at  
<https://regionalhomelesssystem.org/>

Governing Committee Position	Governing Committee Members
King County Council	Reagan Dunn
	Joe McDermott
King County Executive	Dow Constantine
Lived Experience Leaders	Johnathan Hemphill
	Kirk McClain
	Zaneta Reid
Seattle City Council	Lorena Gonzalez
	Andrew Lewis
Seattle Mayor	Jenny Durkan, Chair
Sound Cities Association	Nancy Backus
	Angela Birney
	Ed Prince

**Attendees:** Nancy Backus, Angela Birney, Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Jenny Durkan, Lorena Gonzalez, Johnathan Hemphill, Andrew Lewis, Kirk McClain, Joe McDermott, Ed Prince, Zaneta Reid.

#### 1. Welcome and Agenda Overview

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020 Meeting

Nancy Backus motioned to approve, Angela Birney seconded.

**Committee Vote by acclamation** – All in favor, none opposed.

**Motion passes.**

*Kirk McClain exits the meeting due to urgent personal conflict.*

#### 3. Public Comment

No public comment.

#### 4. Staff Update - Briefing by King County and City of Seattle staff

Jenny Durkan welcomed Helen Howell to her new role as Interim Director of the Seattle Human Services Department.

Staff Update: Leo Flor, Director of King County Department of Community and Human Services:

- Transition timeline remains on schedule.
- Confirmed that 18 of 19 members of the Advisory Committee have been seated.
- Implementation Board is preparing to work with future CEO on Work Plan.
- CEO onboarding preparations are under way.
- The King County Continuum of Care decided to seek a waiver offered by HUD to skip the in-person Point in Time count due to COVID risks, consistent with other waivers sought by neighboring regions. Survey-based and HMIA-based counts will still proceed.

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### GC Comments:

- Nancy Backus: expressed concern over the three different methodologies for the homelessness counts in the past five years and the subsequent inconsistencies, understanding the reasons for this year's change.
- Zaneta Reid: understands the concern for COVID risk, but asked if appropriate precautions could have been taken to proceed with an in-person count.
- Jenny Durkan: noted CoC Board is a separate entity that made this decision, and the importance of GC members to have opportunity to share concerns.
- Johnathan Hemphill: expressed concern that no in-person Point in Time count will be missed opportunity to capture full magnitude of count.

### CEO Hiring Update: Sola Plumacher, City of Seattle Human Services Department:

- Presented timeline update, including scheduled interviews and expected confirmation schedule.

### GC Comments:

- Johnathan Hemphill: requested confirmation of date of LEC Candidate Meet and Greet.
- Jenny Durkan: expressed thanks to staff and Implementation Board for their work in the hiring process.

## 5. Consideration of Committee Bylaws

### Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Revisions Presentation: Tess Colby, Seattle Mayor's Office

- Amendments for consideration were previously approved at August 20, 2020 meeting, but inadvertently not approved as a whole.
- Additional proposed revisions:
  - Rotating Chair Structure among four co-chairs from each member bloc
  - Removing voting requirement threshold
  - Added language stating the intention of Governing Committee Members to make effort to attend every meeting

*Ed Prince and Reagan Dunn are recognized as present.*

### GC Comments:

- No comments

Nancy Backus motioned to approve the bylaws as presented, Andrew Lewis seconded.

**Committee Vote:** 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Aye:** Nancy Backus, Angela Birney, Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Jenny Durkan, Lorena Gonzalez, Johnathan Hemphill, Andrew Lewis, Joe McDermott, Ed Prince, Zaneta Reid.

**Absent:** Kirk McClain.

**Motion passes.**

## 6. Co-Chair Selection

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Nancy Backus nominated Ed Prince as Sound Cities Association Co-Chair, Angela Birney seconded.

**Committee Vote by acclamation:** All in favor, none opposed.

**Motion passes.**

Joe McDermott nominated Dow Constantine as King County Co-Chair, Reagan Dunn seconded.

**Committee Vote by acclamation:** All in favor, none opposed.

**Motion passes.**

Zaneta Reid nominated Johnathan Hemphill as Lived Experience Coalition Co-Chair, Jenny Durkan seconded.

**Committee Vote by acclamation:** All in favor, none opposed.

**Motion passes.**

Andrew Lewis nominated Jenny Durkan as Seattle Co-Chair; Lorena Gonzalez seconded.

**Committee Vote by acclamation:** All in favor, none opposed.

**Motion passes.**

Chair Durkan calls for any additional business or discussion.

#### GC Comments:

- Zaneta Reid: expressed concern about public comments regarding homelessness policy by Reagan Dunn.
- Jenny Durkan: noted need for trust and structure for discussions between members.
- Reagan Dunn: expressed appreciation for different perspectives, shared policy priorities.
- Zaneta Reid: noted appreciation for Reagan Dunn's response, looks forward to future conversations.

**Meeting is adjourned.**