

# Governing Committee

## King County Regional Homelessness Authority

### **KCRHA Governing Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday,  
April 21, 2022

10:00am to 12:00pm Virtual Meeting Link

Available at

<https://regionalhomelesssystem.org/>

<b>Governing Committee Position Governing Committee Members</b>	
King County Council	Claudia Balducci Joe McDermott
King County Executive	Dow Constantine, Chair
Lived Experience Leaders	Johnathan Hemphill Kirk McClain
Seattle City Council	Andrew Lewis
Seattle Mayor	Bruce Harrell
Sound Cities Association	Nancy Backus Angela Birney Ed Prince

## Roll Call

**Attendees Dow Constantine, Claudia Balducci, Jonathan Hemphill, Kirk McClain, Zaneta Reid, Angela Balducci, Ed Prince, Navy Backus, Andrew Lewis, Bruce Harrell, Lisa Herbold- Quorum met.**

### 1. Welcome and Agenda Overview

*Theory of Change and Land Acknowledgement by Chair, Dow Constantine*

### 2. Public Comment

*John Grant, Seattle*

### 3. KCRHA Updates - CEO Marc Dones

#### ● General Updates

- Emergency Housing Vouchers - Continues to move forward, most vouchers have been allocated via assigning to people, there is a lag in the leasing due to market inventory. Currently working with Federal Partners to incentivise landlords to work with tenants in the EHV program. Also expressed to our Federal partners the need for Project Based Vouchers in addition to Tenant voucher flexibility.
- HUD CoC - Awards have been issued, we received two additional projects from this award and are excited to get those programs up and running.
- Visit with Federal Partners - Recently hosted a variety of Federal Partners including a delegation from the US Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness.

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- RFP's
  - Non Congregate Shelter RFP - Completed and Closed. Currently working on the issue caused by the movement of the commerce dollars using ESG-CV dollars, those projects will be unaffected and continuing to evaluate other options opening Non-Congregate shelters if funding allows.

- Safe Lot RFP - Currently running RFP for Safe Lots -
- Partnership For Zero - RFP coming soon

- **Other Updates**

- **Partnership for Zero**

- By Name List - in Process of developing list in partnership with MicroSoft

- System Advocates - Have hired 4 System Advocates, job postings are up for Team Leads.

- UCC Stand Up - in

collaboration with the City of Seattle is moving forward.

- **Ombuds**

- Finalizing Ombuds Charter, structure, and other key policies in it.
- Hiring has begun for all OMBUDS roles

- **Organizational Standup**

- Board Liaison
- Internal Protocols
- Contracting

- Staff Wide Training and Development
- Designation of an ADA lead

- **Five Year Plan**

- Builds on 2018 NIS report and the 2019 RAF (Regional Action Framework)report.
- The 5 Year Plan will be finalized in September of 2033.
  - The Governing Committee will review the 5 Year Plan at the September 15th meeting.

- **Governing Committee Structure and Considerations**

- Proposed 2022 Meeting Calendar
  - June - Budget, PIT, PFZ Update, First Quarterly Report.
  - September GC Review 5 Year Plan
  - December Final Budget Review - Also schedule a Special meeting for
    - Minimum meeting needs in 2023: May & December

**ACTION:** Affirm - If Board affirms , move forward calendaring a Special December meeting to review the Spending Authorization Budget. - Board recognizes CM Herbold.

- **Opportunities to Connect with one another and KCRHA**

- GC Retreat?
- Co-Chair Meeting?
- Five Year Planning Workshops

**ACTION:** Discuss

- **Vacancies (That need filling) - Implementation Board Vacancies**

- Adrienne Quinn (County Appointee)
- Helen Howell (City Appointee)

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- Sara Rankin (LEC Appointee)

- Term Expiration: John Chelemeniak (SCA Appointee) - Correction (KC Appointee)

- **Vacancies - Governing Committee**

- Zaneta Reid (LEC Appointee)

- **KCRHA 2023 Budget - Updated Timeline**

- County Submittal Deadline: April 22nd
- City Submittal Deadline: May 15th

- **KCRHA 5 year Plan - The 5 Year Plan will include:**

- - 6 Year Budget
  - NIS report, RAF, Focus Strategies recommendations UHP data feedback and recommendations
  - Subregional plans
  
- **Decision Point**
  - Should we hold a special meeting of the Governing Board in May to review the budget?  
 Comments:  
 Nancy Backus, wants to be sure we are following ILA and Bylaws to ensure “The Board” is doing the work. For the board to review documents “Budget” after it’s been submitted feels like a rubber stamp.  
  
 CM Lisa Herbold: As Governing Board members the better we understand the process and details that are being asked for in the budget the stronger we will be as champions of these investments before our own body.  
  
 Marc Dones: Confirming clarification for the last week of May?  
  
 Mayor Briney: Looking at the schedule, it seems if May15th review of the budget then the last week of May does not work.  
  
 Mayor Bruce Harrell - Timeline makes sense, with giving time for review.  
  
 CM Lisa Herbold: Moves to motion that the Governing Committee agree to vote to hold a special meeting in May for the purpose of discussing and voting on the KCRHA Proposed Budget 2023. Second by Mayor Briney, motion carries.  
  
*\*Clarifying Governing Committee’s Approval of Budget - For the record to show, approval of the “Proposed Transmittal of Budget”, which is then subject to review by both Executive Bodies, once finalized; will then need to be ratified by both Implementation & Governing Boards.*
  
- **Understanding Unsheltered Homeless Project - (As part of the 2022 Point In Time)** ○
  - Qualitative interviews with people who are living unsheltered in King County in the month of March.

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- Interview questions developed through 12 design workshops with nearly 200 participants.
- Interviewers from LEC and RHA trained in the field.
- Unsheltered count to submit to HUD is built into methods and designed on how we’ll do interviews.

■ Roughly 661 interviews with people who are living



- **Design Workshop Outcomes**

- 12 workshops with 199 participants. Used Themes below to design interview questions

- Self Determination/Identification

- What do you need?
  - What are your three top needs right now?
  - What does a desired solution look like to you?

- Barriers

- What makes it difficult to access shelter?
- What roadblocks have you had in receiving help? (Pets, partners, gender diverse resources, large families)?

- Current Service Experience

- What has your experience been at shelter?
- What has your experience been with providers?
- Is someone helping you navigate the system?

- **Meet the System Advocate Co-Directors - Zaneta Reid, Elijah Wood, Dawn Shepard, Joe Conniff**  
**System Advocates - *Building relationships to increase trust, improve data collection, and encourage better outcomes.***

- **Navigating the Current System**

- Intake protocols are repetitive and invasive, leading to unreliable data
- The system does not provide people with the opportunity to form lasting relationships with provider staff that assist in stability.
- Sweeps are a demoralizing and dehumanizing approach to people forced to live outside.
- System fragmentation makes it difficult to drive towards particular outcomes. ■ System Advocates

- **Continuity of Service** - Stay with people over time, throughout every stage of their journey from homelessness to permanent housing

- **Coordination amidst Fragmentation** - Support people experiencing homelessness with a deep understanding of what they need in order to navigate across the service system.

Meeting is Adjourned - Next regular meeting June 16th. A special meeting will be held in May.

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*Adjourned.*

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