



Snohomish County Council

Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Wright, Council Chair
Megan Dunn, Council Vice-Chair
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Nate Nehring, Jared Mead

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

3:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Appointment to Fill Legislative District 44 Vacancy

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
John Lovick, Senate Vacancy Candidate
Laura Hathaway, Senate Vacancy Candidate
Gregg Pratt, Senate Vacancy Candidate
Sean Paddock, House Vacancy Candidate
Brandy Donaghy, House Vacancy Candidate
Joyce Copley, House Vacancy Candidate
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council
**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

1. Call to Order

Council Vice-Chair Dunn presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. She provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment remotely via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

3. Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comments:

1. Stephanie Vignal, 44th Legislative District (LD)-Precinct Committee Officer (PCO), spoke in support of Sean Paddock's nomination.
2. Bryan Johnson, Ironworkers Local 86, spoke in support of Brandy Donaghy's nomination.
3. Kathy Christensen, spoke in support of John Lovick and Brandy Donaghy's nominations.
4. Trevor Smith, Laborers Local 292, spoke in support of John Lovick and Brandy Donaghy's nominations.
5. Earl Gray, 44th LD-PCO, spoke in support of John Lovick and Sean Paddock's nominations.
6. Diana McGinness, 44th LD-PCO, spoke in support of John Lovick and Sean Paddock's nominations
7. Hillary Morales, resident of Bothell, spoke in support of John Lovick and Sean Paddock's nominations.
8. Ken Crowder, resident from the 44th LD, spoke in support of the PCO recommendations.
9. Jen Chong Jewell, resident of Everett, spoke in support of Brandy Donaghy's nomination.
10. Mary Rollins, resident from the 38th LD, spoke in support of Brandy Donaghy's nomination.
11. Robin McGee, 44th LD-PCO, spoke in support of John Lovick and Sean Paddock's nominations.
12. Kelly Wright, requested the Council to discuss their vote in open session, and not in executive session.

4. Interviews to fill Legislative District 44 Senate Vacancy

(See link to Motion 21-460 below for Candidates' Resumes and Q&A)

Heidi Beazizo, Acting Chief of Staff, provided information regarding the appointment and interview process.

The Council proceeded with the interviews of each candidate.

a. John Lovick

Mr. Lovick responded to the Council's interview questions.

b. Laura Hathaway

Ms. Hathaway expressed her support for John Lovick's nomination and deferred her time for the next interviewee.

c. Greg Pratt

Mr. Pratt responded to the Council's interview questions.

5. Executive Session

Council Vice-Chair Dunn turned to the Council for discussion and asked if there was a desire to recess for an Executive Session. There was consensus by the members that an Executive Session was not needed to proceed with the appointment.

6. Appointment

Motion 21-460, making an appointment to a vacancy for State Senator in Washington's 44th State Legislative District

[2021-1049](#)

ACTION: Council Chair Wright made a motion to approve Motion 21-460. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion.

Council Chair Wright made a motion to amend Motion 21-460 to add the name John Lovick. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmembers thanked all the nominees and spoke in support of the amended motion.

The vote was called and the motion to approve Motion No. 21-460, as amended, carried unanimously.

Senator Lovick thanked the Council and provided brief remarks.

7. Interviews to fill Legislative District 44 House Vacancy

(See link to Motion 21-461 below for Candidates' Resumes and Q&A)

Heidi Beazizo, Acting Chief of Staff, provided information regarding the appointment and interview process.

The Council proceeded with the interviews of each candidate.

a. Sean Paddock

Mr. Paddock responded to the Council's interview questions.

b. Brandy Donaghy

Ms. Donaghy responded to the Council's interview questions.

c. Joyce Copley

Ms. Copley responded to the Council's interview questions.

8. Executive Session

Council Vice-Chair Dunn turned to the Council for discussion and asked if there was a desire to recess for an Executive Session. Council Chair Wright recommended that the Council recess into Executive Session.

At 5:05 p.m., pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h), the Council recessed into Executive Session for approximately ten minutes to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff

The Executive Session started at 5:05 p.m. and ended at 5:15 p.m.

At 5:16 p.m., Council Vice-Chair Dunn reconvened the Council to order.

9. Appointment

Motion 21-461, making an appointment to a vacancy for State Representative in Washington's 44th State Legislative District

[2021-1050](#)

ACTION: Council Chair Wright made a motion to approve Motion 21-461. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion.

Council Chair Wright made a motion to amend Motion 21-461 to add the name Brandy Donaghy. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmembers thanked all of the nominees and encouraged them to continue to be involved in the community.

The vote was called and the motion to approve Motion No. 21-461, as amended, carried unanimously

Representative Donaghy thanked the Council and provided brief remarks.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Vice-Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 5:21 p.m.