



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAFs:** 2024-0864  
2024-0865

**Motions:** 24-207  
24-208

**Type:**

Contract

Board Appt.

Code Amendment

Budget Action

Other

**Requested Handling:**

Normal

Expedite

Urgent

**Fund Source:**

General Fund

Other

N/A

**Executive Rec:**

Approve

Do Not Approve

N/A

**Approved as to Form:**

Yes

No

N/A

**Subject:** Board Appointments – Board of Equalization.

**Scope:** Two motions to appoint new members of Board of Equalization. Motion 24-207 would appoint Keith Bruce. Motion 24-208 would appoint Susan Spencer. Both appointments would be as regular members.

**Duration:** Passage to April 30, 2027.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

**Authority Granted:** N/A

**Background:**

*The Board:* The Board of Equalization (the Board) typically hears between 1,000 and 1,800 appeals annually to assessed valuation of real and personal property in Snohomish County. As established in Snohomish County Code Chapter 2.76, the Board consists of five regular members and two alternates. Members serve for terms of three years or until appointment of their successor. No board member may serve more than three consecutive full terms. No more than two regular board members may reside in the same Council district. By tradition, terms on the Board end on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*The nominees:* Both nominees reside in Council District 4. Their appointments would be as regular members from that district.

Keith Bruce works for Sound Point Real Estate as a Commissioner/Designated Broker. In his application, he writes that his “time as a director with the Northwest Multiple Listing Service, along with my role as a Commissioner for the Washington State Department of Licensing, has given me a solid foundation in the intricacies of real estate” and function of the Board of Equalization.

Susan Spencer works for Re/Max Eastside Brokers in sales and investment. In her application, she writes her 40+ years in the real estate industry has given her “a deep understanding of [property] values and how to assess and value properties for sale, for lenders, and for asset managers...”

*Handling:* The Office of Hearings Administration requests expedited handling to have both nominees appointed prior to state mandated training in June.

**Request:** Consideration in Committee of the Whole on May 14, 2024.