



# Snohomish County Council

## General Legislative Session

### Meeting Minutes

Jared Mead, Council Chair  
Nate Nehring, Council Vice-Chair  
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Megan Dunn, Strom Peterson

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**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring (*remote*)  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council  
*\*See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

#### **A. Call to Order**

Council Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment in person and remote via Zoom.

#### **B. Roll Call**

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

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Dunn**

Councilmember Dunn led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **D. Public Comments**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- John Tentor, resident of Granite Falls, expressed concerns relating to rooster nuisance and relayed information from a neighborhood petition.

- Jessica Reed, Kenmore Middle School PTSA, expressed concerns relating to pedestrian safety at Lakewood Elementary School and the need for a crosswalk with flashing lights.

## E. Committee of the Whole

## F. Resolutions

1. Resolution 23-026, celebrating our community by declaring the month of June Pride Month, affirming that LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights [2023-0605](#)

The clerk read the resolution title into the record. Council Chair Mead opened for public comment, and there being no persons present wishing to speak on the resolution, called for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Councilmember Dunn spoke in support of the resolution and noted the need for awareness and commitment to protect human rights.

Councilmember Peterson and Council Chair Mead also spoke in favor of the resolution.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 23-026. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of three to two, with Council Vice-Chair Nehring and Councilmember Low opposing.

## G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 23-197, approving a budget transfer within Grant Fund 130 [2023-0533](#)
2. Motion 23-199, approving contract with Carlos Gonzales to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0532](#)
3. Motion 23-201, approving contract with Karim Merchant to provide indigent services for the period from May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0531](#)

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 23-227, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on May 31, 2023 [2023-0601](#)
- a. Approving Bid Award Recommendation for Bid PW-23-010SB Kayak Point, Phase 1 to Strider Construction Co, Inc. in the amount of \$7,039,000.00 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2023-0598](#)

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-227. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of four to one, with Councilmember Low opposing.

*[Clerk Note: Following Item I.2.a., the Council reconsidered the vote on Motion 23-227.]*

Councilmember Low clarified that he intended to vote in favor of the Administrative Matters Motion. Council Chair Mead called to reconsider the vote on Motion 23-227.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**I. Action on Items from Committee****1. Community Safety and Justice****2. Finance, Budget and Administration**

- a. Motion 23-221, approving an Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan [2023-0431](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the Executive's proposed Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan as part of the 2023 Budget Condition for the receipt of funds from the opioid lawsuit settlement.

Council Chair Mead thanked Lacey Harper and Jason Biermann, from the Executive's Office, for their work on developing the Plan and for being responsive to Council's questions.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-221. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of four to one, with Councilmember Low opposing.

3. **Health and Community Services**
4. **Planning and Community Development**
5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
6. **Committee of the Whole**

**J. Other Business**

**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

**L. Executive Session**

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office for an initial ten minutes. She indicated that there may be potential action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:16 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Evaluate qualifications of candidate for appointment to elective office  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)  
DPA: Bridget Casey

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead

Council Vice-Chair Nehring (*remote - joined Executive Session at 9:24 a.m.*)

Councilmember Low (*remote*)

Councilmember Dunn

Councilmember Peterson

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff

Rebecca Guadamud, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9 16 a.m. with an initial ten minutes to 9:26 a.m.

At 9:26 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:31 a.m.

At 9:31 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:36 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:36 a.m.

At 9:37 a.m., Council Chair Mead reconvened the meeting and announced that the Council will consider two walk-on Oral Motions.

### Walk-On Oral Motions

1. ORAL MOTION

[2023-0695](#)

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to direct the Council Chief of Staff to schedule interviews with Matt Baldock, Michael Mohandeson, Jessica Ness, and Neil Weiss to be considered for a judicial appointment to our Snohomish County District Court, South Division. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. ORAL MOTION

[2023-0696](#)

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to direct the Council Chief of Staff to schedule interviews with Jennifer DeJong and Rachelle Francis to be considered for a judicial appointment to our Snohomish County District Court, Cascade Division. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### M. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 9:38 a.m.