



Planning and Community Development

Ryan Countryman

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2025-0275

Motion: 25-022

Type:

Contract

Board Appt.

Code

Amendment

Budget Action

Other

Requested

Handling:

Normal

Expedite

Urgent

Fund Source:

General Fund

Other

N/A

Executive

Recommendation:

Approve

Do Not Approve

N/A

Approved as to

Form:

Yes

No

N/A

Subject: Board Appointment – Snohomish County Planning Commission

Scope: Motion 25-022 would appoint Jeff Chandler to a partial first term on Planning Commission as a District 5 representative.

Duration: Passage to July 1, 2028

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: None

Background:

The Board: The Planning Commission is an 11-member advisory body to the County Council and Executive. Terms on the commission are four years. Nine of 11 planning commission positions are currently occupied. (More details about the Planning Commission are on pages 2-3).

The Nominee: Jeff Chandler is a full time resident of Monroe in Council District 5 and has extensive experience in construction contracting and real estate. He brings hands-on experience and would provide balance on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Sam Low is nominating Jeff Chandler to a first partial term on Planning Commission.¹ Jeff Chandler is well-qualified to serve. After completing a first partial term on the commission, Jeff Chandler would be eligible for reappointment ([SCC 2.03.050](#)).

Request:

Move Motion 25-022 to General Legislative Session on January 8, 2025, to set date and time for a public hearing.

Suggested date and time: Wednesday January 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

¹ The appointment of the previous commissioner who has resigned from this District 5 position was by Motion 21-421. That motion appointed the previous commissioner to a term ending on January 12, 2026. That date established in the prior motion inadvertently conflicted with staggering of terms as established in Chapter 2.08 SCC. Motion 21-421 should have appointed the prior commissioner to a partial first term ending on July 1, 2024, and then that commissioner could have been reappointed to a first full term ending on July 1, 2028. The current motion re-establishes staggering of terms by appointing to a term ending on July 1, 2028.

Exhibit A. Planning Commission Membership Table

Planning Commission Membership – January 3, 2025			
Representing	Commissioner	Term	Term Expiration
Council District #1	Merle Ash	Third	July 1, 2028
	Mark James	Second	July 1, 2027
Council District #2	Raymond Sheldon, Jr.	Second	July 1, 2027
	Kimberly Busted	First	November 30, 2026
Council District #3	Robert Larsen, Chair	Third	July 1, 2027
	Layla Bush	First	July 1, 2025
Council District #4	Tom Campbell	First	November 24, 2025
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Council District #5	Jeff Chandler	First	July 1, 2028
	Karl Niemela	First	July 1, 2026
At-Large	Angie Sievers	First	July 1, 2025
* Jeff Chandler nominated for appointment by this motion			

Exhibit B. Composition and Requirements of the Planning Commission

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. The commission holds public hearings and provides recommendations on proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations. The commission has positions for eleven members, two from each council district and one at-large member nominated by the executive, which serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

Snohomish County Code ([2.03.060](#) and [2.08.080](#)) provides that the council appoints planning commission members. Requirements are that commissioners:

1. Not be county employees;
2. Have sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings, and
3. Not serve on more than two boards or commissions at the same time (ad hoc or advisory committees do not count against the limit).

County code also provides that nominees should possess attributes including a background in one or more of the following:

- Architecture
- Law
- Farming
- Recreation
- Finance
- Real estate
- Environment
- Construction
- Fisheries
- Engineering
- Appraisal
- Land use planning
- Education
- Related backgrounds, or job knowledge or interests

Nominees should also have knowledge of land use theories and growth management legislation, minimal potential for conflict of interest, a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and should add balance to countywide representation on the commission.

Additional information is available at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/164/Planning-Commission>.