



Snohomish County Council
Community Safety and Justice Committee
Meeting Minutes

Strom Peterson, Committee Chair
Jared Mead, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Sam Low, Nate Nehring, Megan Dunn

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Joshua Thompson, Legislative Aide
Lisa Hickey, Assistant Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

1:00 PM

Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

Acting Committee Chair Nehring
Committee Chair Peterson (*remote*)
Committee Vice-Chair Mead (*not present*)
Committee Member Low (*remote*)
Committee Member Dunn
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense Director
Lisa Hickey, Assistant Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Committee Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Nicole Gorle, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report for the following items:

1. Motion 24-511, confirming the appointment of Wendy Messarina to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission [2024-3109](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

2. Motion 24-521, confirming the reappointment of Julie Smith to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2024-3143](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

3. Motion 24-522, confirming the appointment of Olivia Gould to the Snohomish County Children's Commission [2024-3167](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

4. Motion 25-004, appointing Trae Tingelstad to the Performance Audit Committee pursuant to Chapter 2.700 Snohomish County Code [2024-3226](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

5. Motion 25-009, confirming the appointment of Chester Curtis to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board [2025-0055](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

6. Motion 25-016, confirming the reappointment of Harold Howard to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board [2025-0168](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

7. Motion 25-001, approval of a budget transfer in the 2025-26 Biennial Budget from Non-Departmental Fund 130 Grant Control to Sheriff's Office Fund 130 for a Rapid DNA System [2024-3161](#)

Ms. Gorle responded to Committee Member Dunn's question regarding the grant work plan.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

8. Motion 25-020, approving a budget transfer in District Court General Fund 002 [2025-0172](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

9. Motion 24-519, approving agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense to provide Indigent Defense Improvement Funds to Snohomish County Office of Public Defense for the period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 [2024-2909](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

10. Motion 24-529, approving the Interlocal Agreement continuing the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force [2024-3198](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

11. Motion 25-007, approving Master Services Agreement for vehicle identification cameras with Flock Group, Inc. [2024-3229](#)

Ms. Gorle responded to Committee Member Peterson's question regarding safety measures.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

Acting Chair Nehring commented on contract authority concerns. Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense, responded to questions regarding internal processes for the following items:

12. Motion 25-010, approving contract with James Koenig to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0014](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 15th for consideration.

13. Motion 25-011, approving contract with Derek Conom to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0071](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

14. Motion 25-012, approving contract with Natalie Findley-Wolf to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0072](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 22nd for consideration.

15. Motion 25-013, approving contract with James Bible Law Group to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0073](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 15th for consideration.

16. Motion 25-014, approving contract with Heyman and Schueler to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0074](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 15th for consideration.

17. Motion 25-015, approving contract with Meghan Lacey to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2025-0075](#)

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session January 15th for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.