



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS

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ECAF: 22-0452,0451,0453,0454,0455,0456,0458,0459

Proposal: **Motions 22-187,188,189,190,191,192,194,195**

Date: May 2, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motions 22-187, 22-188, 22-189, 22-190, 22-191, 22-192, 22-194, and 22-195 confirming the proposed appointments/reappointments to the to the Snohomish County Children's Commission.

Background

The Snohomish County Children's Commission advises the county on matters related to the administration and enhancement of children's programs, including issues of health, safety, and social services for infants, young children, and youth in the community.

Specific duties provided by county code (SCC [2.410.020](#)) include:

- Conducting public hearings to determine the health, mental health, safety, and social service needs and priorities of children ages 0-18 in Snohomish county.
- Holding community forums to identify issues affecting children's well-being and service delivery needs.
- Reporting at regular intervals on the status of children's service needs and resources in Snohomish county.
- Advising county government on priorities, objectives, and tasks to be performed affecting infants, young children and youth.
- Providing technical assistance to community-based organizations dealing with children's issues, assisting in the development of grants affecting infants, young children, and youth, and providing input to local, state and federal agencies.
- Advocating for the interest of the children of Snohomish county.

The Children's Commission is comprised of up to 25 members, at least two being youth under 18. Membership includes three members representing each council district and ten at-large members. Members must represent one or more of the following areas: health and human services; education; business and labor; law and justice; concerned citizens; state department of social and health services and/or the United States department of health and human services; youth; elected officials; minorities. Board members are recommended by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council and may serve three (3) four (4) year terms.

If confirmed, the proposed nominations would bring the board to thirteen (13) board members.

Current Proposal

Scope:

Motion	Name	Membership category	Comments	Term Expiration
22-187	Argelia Grassfield	Health and Human Services	A resident of Council District 1, Argelia is the Regional Director of Administration for the YWCA Seattle/King/Snohomish and has extensive experience serving families and their children who experience barriers.	2 nd term, exp. 5/31/2026
22-188	Lark Kesterke	Concerned Citizens	A resident of Council District 2, Lark is the Program Manager for Within Reach (focusing on access to services for the ages birth through 5-years) and has sixteen (16) years' experience with the Snohomish County non-profit sector.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation
22-189	Becky Megard	Concerned Citizens	A resident of Council District 1, Becky is the Chief Program Officer for Domestic Violence Services for Snohomish County and has thirty years' experience in social services as a child advocate.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation
22-190	Ashvi Shah	Youth under age 18	A resident of Council District 4, Ashvi is currently a high school honors student, an intern as a health policy advocate on children's wellness and a volunteer on issues of significance to the Indian American Community.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation
22-191	Shakima Tozay	Education	A resident of Council District 1, Shakima is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, has expertise in perinatal mental health, and specializes in maternal health crisis and its impact on the BIPOC Community.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation
22-192	Courtney Wooten	Concerned Citizens	A resident of Council District 3, Courtney is a self-employed consultant specializing in education and equity and has a needed perspective on the Commission with current and	2 nd term, exp. 5/31/2026

			ongoing connections with schools and Black/multi-racial populations.	
22-194	Monica Best-Wilson	Education	A resident of Council District 1, Monica is the Education Collaborative Coordinator with Housing Hope and works statewide to build and strengthen access to youth development programs.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation
22-195	Charles Adkins	Elected Official	A resident of Council District 2, Charles an enrolled tribal member, the Children's Alliance Health Policy Director and an advocate for children's healthcare and nutrition.	1 st term, exp. four years from date of confirmation

Fiscal Implications: None.

2021 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: NONE

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE

Request: Move all motions to GLS on May 18th for Council to consider taking action.