



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2026-1361

**Motion:** 26-221

**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:** Karl Niemela Planning Commission Board Appointment

**Scope:** Motion to reappoint Karl Niemela to the Planning Commission. The appointment is to complete a partial first term representing Council District 5.

**Duration:** Execution through January 1, 2030.

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

**Authority Granted:** Reappoints Karl Niemela to the Snohomish County Planning Commission, meeting the criteria under SCC 2.08.080, to serve as a representative of District 5, until July 1, 2030.

**Background:** The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. Terms on the commission are four years, with staggered start and end terms. This is an eleven-member board, with ten current members. Additional details on the board configuration can be found in [Snohomish County Code 2.08](#),

Mr. Niemela is a resident of Council District 5, and this will be his first full-term position on the Planning Commission. The term would expire on July 1, 2030. Councilmember Low is nominating Karl Niemela for reappointment in this position. Mr. Niemela was previously appointed to the Planning Commission via [Motion 23-273](#). Mr. Niemela is a business owner and serves on several volunteer boards.

**Requested Action:** For Council to move the motion to GLS on June 3, 2026, to set time and date for a public hearing, with a suggested date of June 24, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 am.