



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Vice-Chair Nehring (*presiding*)
Council Chair Mead (*not present*)
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Vice-Chair Nehring 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 four members were present.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Council Vice-Chair Nehring

Council Vice-Chair Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

E. Committee of the Whole**F. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 23-010, recognizing Women's History Month and International Women's Day [2023-0203](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 23-010. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 23-048, authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve Public Works initiated task assignments under the 2023-2025 Conservation and Natural Resources On-Call Master Agreements [2023-0081](#)
2. Motion 23-050, authorizing the County Executive to sign Legal Services Contract CC02-23 with Hillis Clark Martin and Peterson P.S. For On-Call Environmental Review [2023-0082](#)
3. Motion 23-060, authorizing the County Executive to sign Agreement for Professional Services CC03-23 with ARCpoint Labs for Physical Abilities Testing [2023-0115](#)
4. Motion 23-066, authorizing the County Executive to sign Professional Services Agreement CcF01-23 with KPFF, Inc. to Provide Design Services for the Red Bridge #537 Preventative Maintenance Project [2023-0119](#)
5. Motion 23-067, approving an increase in the number of employees authorized in the 2023 Annual Budget in the Human Services Fund 124 and Grant Control American Rescue Plan Act Fund 130 Sub Fund 375 for the Human Services Department [2023-0089](#)
6. Motion 23-068, agreement for Professional Services with Western Graphics, Inc. [2023-0122](#)
7. Motion 23-055, approving contract with Mark Middaugh to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0095](#)
8. Motion 23-057, approving contract with Ann Mahony to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0100](#)
9. Motion 23-073, approving contract with Samantha Sommerman to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0098](#)
10. Motion 23-074, approving contract with Walter Peale to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0140](#)

11. Motion 23-075, approving contract with Vanessa Martin to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0142](#)
12. Motion 23-078, approving contract with Solutions Legal Group, PLLC to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 [2023-0143](#)
13. Motion 23-085, approve and authorize the County Executive to execute an amended grant award from the Administrative Office of the Courts to support District Court's Mental Health Program [2023-0158](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 23-090, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at General Legislative Session on March 1, 2023 [2023-0206](#)
 - a. Receiving the Snohomish County Emergency Management 2022 Annual Report [2023-0172](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-090. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. Finance and Economic Development
2. Law and Justice/Human Services

- a. Ordinance 23-013, approving the Interagency Agreement with Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Program [2023-0151](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, noted that a staff report was presented at the Law and Justice/Human Services Committee meeting on February 28, 2023.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 23-013 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

- a. Ordinance 23-014, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Council to ratify and confirm termination of ABC Agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers [2023-0130](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, noted that a staff report was presented at the Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation Committee meeting on February 28, 2023.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 23-014 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

4. Planning and Community Development**5. Public Works and Infrastructure****6. Committee of the Whole*****Items a. through d. were considered together:***

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided background information on the new appointments to the Snohomish County Board of Health and responded to questions relating to the selection process, as well as clarification on the appointees' name for Motion 23-095.

- a. Motion 23-093, appointing Lisa George to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0186](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-093. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- b. Motion 23-094 appointing Desmond Skubi to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0188](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-094. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- c. Motion 23-095, appointing Julie Smith-Hopkins to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0189](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-095. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- d. Motion 23-096, appointing Janet Anderberg to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0184](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 23-096. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

J. Other Business

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

Council Vice-Chair Nehring announced a Walk-On Oral Motion.

Walk-On Oral Motion

ORAL MOTION [2023-0251](#)

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to authorize the Snohomish County Executive or his designee to sign the settlement agreement reached and approved as to form by the Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$325,000 plus mediation expenses incurred in Claim R21-002090. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

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)(i) to discuss a matter relating to pending litigation for an initial 15 minutes. She indicated that there may be anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:09 a.m., Council Vice-Chair Nehring recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Sean Reay

PRESENT:

Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Council Chair Mead (*not present*)
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff (*remote*)
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Joelle Kelly, Office of the CASA (*remote*)
Audrey Airut Murphy, Special Counsel (*remote*)
Shannon Ragonesi, Special Counsel (*remote*)
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Sean Reay, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)

The Executive Session started at 9:09 a.m. for an initial ten minutes to 9:19 a.m.
At 9:19 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:24 a.m.
At 9:24 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 9:27 a.m.
At 9:27 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 9:30 a.m.
At 9:30 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 9:33 a.m.
At 9:33 a.m., an extension was announced for two minutes to 9:35 a.m.
At 9:35 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 9:38 a.m.
At 9:38 a.m., an extension was announced for two minutes to 9:40 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:40 a.m.

(No Council action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.)

M. Adjourn

At 9:41 a.m., Council Vice-Chair Nehring recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.