



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2023-0738

Proposal: Motion 23-279

Date: July 18, 2023

Consideration:

- Proposed Motion 23-279 would confirm the re-appointment of Doug Wennerberg to the Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board for a second three-year term.
- Amendment: Council staff request verbal direction to the Clerk to revise the motion title to say “re-appointment” rather than just “appointment” to clarify the intent of the motion.

Background

The Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board (Board) advises the County developmental disabilities program in its provision of services, mainly providing input to the functions of the county Human Services Department. (More details about the Board on page 2).

Doug Wennerberg is a resident of District 2 and current board member. He is a self-advocate and has the goal of helping advise the county from the perspective of a person with lived experience and has also worked with the Everett Police Department on how to interact with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is well-qualified to continue serving on the board and was first appointed by [Motion 20-095](#). The County Executive recommends Doug’s confirmation to a second term.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Motion 23-279 would confirm Doug Wennerberg to a second term on the Board.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Fiscal Implications: No impact.

Handling: Normal

Executive: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session July 19 for consideration.

Exhibit A – About the Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board

The Board was established by Ordinance [15-001](#) in 2015, replacing the mental health program advisory board, a board which was established originally by Resolution in 1967.

The Board advises Snohomish County officials on the delivery of services through the developmental disabilities program. That program may deliver the following services:

- Coordinate the County's delivery of developmental disability services with other public, including state, and private services;
- Address community service and resource needs through grants, projects, training, technical assistance, and information;
- Provide information and referrals for people with developmental disabilities and/or their families and with the community at large; and
- Make comprehensive plans to develop local services.

The developmental disabilities program receives funds from governmental and public/private grants to support its program authority. The Board consists of not more than 15 members. The membership's composition pursuant to [SCC 2.52.030](#) is to be as follows:

- One member from each council district;
- At least five members with developmental disabilities or with family members with developmental disabilities (community advocates); and
- Other members who are knowledgeable of or interested in community support for people with developmental disabilities and their families (at large).

Members are limited to serving three consecutive terms. Appointees who have served three consecutive full terms may be considered for appointment after a two year of separation from the board.