



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS

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ECAF: 21-1018, 21-1017, and 21-1013

Proposal: Mot. 21-438,439, &440

Date: Dec. 9, 2021

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motions 21-438, 21-439 and 21-440 which would approve and authorize the appointment of members to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board.

Background

RCW 73.08.035 authorizes counties to establish a veterans' advisory board and requires the county legislative authority to seek representatives from local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large. The majority of the board must be members from a nationally recognized veterans' services organization and all members are required to be veterans.

The Snohomish County Veterans' Assistance Fund Executive Board was created established on November 11, 1995 through the approval of Ordinance 95-088¹. The board is responsible for providing recommendations regarding expenditures from the veterans' assistance fund established under RCW 73.08², advising the Executive and departments on the budget for the fund, and may perform any other duties requested by the department.

There is nothing in state law or county code that sets a minimum or maximum membership number. Currently there are nine members on the board; if approved this appointment would increase the membership to ten. Members serve four-year terms and cannot serve more than three consecutive terms. Once two years have lapsed since serving on the board, members who reached their term limit may apply to serve on the board again.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motions 21-438, 21-439 and 21-440 request council approval of the nominations of three individuals to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board. Two are reappointments and one is a new appointment.

Motion	Name	Term	Term expiration	Comments
21-438	Robert White	1 st	Four years from date of appointment	A resident of Edmonds, Mr. White served in the US Army for 20 years. He also helped stand up two veteran startup nonprofits as a CEO and CFO. Previously served as the Chair of the King County Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Advisory Board and Chair of the King County Veterans Advisory Board.

¹ [SCC 2.430.010 – Veterans' Assistance Fund Executive Board Created – Purpose](#)

² [RCW 73.08 – Veterans' Relief](#)

21-439	John Natterstad	2 nd	9/12/2025	A resident of Council District 1, Mr. Natterstad served in the US Air Force for two years and then in the Army National Guard for over 30 years. Mr. Natterstad is a retired teacher and baseball coach. He will represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
21-440	David Griggs	2 nd	9/12/2025	Mr. Griggs served in the US Navy for 30 years. He is employed with Bank of America and Co-Chair of the Washington State Chapter of the Military Support and Assistance Group, an employee networking group.

Duration: through the end of term unless the board member resigns or is reappointed

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

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Request: Move these motions to GLS on December 15, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.