



# Snohomish County Council

## General Legislative Session

### Meeting Minutes

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

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Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor  
Robert J. Drewel Building  
& Remote Meeting

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn (*remote*)  
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)  
Duane Emmons, Department of Natural Resources  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

*\*See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

#### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **B. Roll Call**

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **D. Public Comments**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Kate Lunceford, League of Women Voters, spoke about additional parcels to be considered for the Natural Climate Solutions funding to preserve mature forests.

- William Lider, resident of the city of Lynnwood, spoke about Snohomish County Code amendments.
- Karen Crowley, League of Women Voters and resident of the city of Snohomish, spoke about alternative parcels for the preservation of mature forests.
- Nancy Johnson, Sno-Isle Sierra Club, spoke in support of preserving mature forests.
- Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council and a resident of Pierce County, spoke about the preservation of mature forests.
- Brel Froebe, Center for Responsible Forestry, spoke about the preservation of mature forests.

#### **E. Committee of the Whole**

#### **F. Resolutions**

#### **G. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 23-568, approving the Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area Business Plan 2024 [2023-1486](#)
2. Motion 23-574, authorizing the Executive to sign a contract for economic development services with Economic Alliance Snohomish County [2023-1490](#)
3. Motion 24-008, approving Public Official Bond for Snohomish County Sheriff Susanna K. Johnson [2023-1527](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 24-021, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on January 17, 2024 [2024-0031](#)
  - a. Receiving the 2023 Unexpected Fatality Review Report [2024-0024](#)
  - b. Receiving and referring the following Open Space application to Planning and Development Services for its recommendation:
    - 1) Open Space Farm and Agricultural-Conservation Application #3286 - Edward J. and Kathleen A. Larson [2024-0022](#)

c. Setting a public hearing date on February 7, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:

- 1) Ordinance 23-140, approving the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) Interlocal Agreement and 2023-2024 Services and Expenditure Plan with Snohomish School District [2023-1427](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-021. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**I. Action on Items from Committee**

1. Community Safety and Justice
2. Finance, Budget and Administration
3. Health and Community Services
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation
6. Committee of the Whole

**J. Other Business**

1. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Timber Discussion [2024-0058](#)

Duane Emmons, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, presented an update on the Natural Climate Solutions funding. He responded to questions and discussion ensued.

**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

**L. Executive Session**

**M. Adjourn**

Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 9:58 a.m.