



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 21-0428
Proposal: Mot. 21-226

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Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-226 which would approve the reappointment of Desmond Pullen to the Snohomish County Children's Commission.

Background

The Snohomish County Children's Commission advises the county on matters related to the administration and enhancement of children's programs, including issues of health, safety, and social services for infants, young children, and youth in the community.

Specific duties provided by county code (SCC [2.410.020](#)) include:

- Conducting public hearings to determine the health, mental health, safety, and social service needs and priorities of children ages 0-18 in Snohomish county.
- Holding community forums to identify issues affecting children's well-being and service delivery needs.
- Reporting at regular intervals on the status of children's service needs and resources in Snohomish county.
- Advising county government on priorities, objectives, and tasks to be performed affecting infants, young children and youth.
- Providing technical assistance to community-based organizations dealing with children's issues, assisting in the development of grants affecting infants, young children, and youth, and providing input to local, state and federal agencies.
- Advocating for the interest of the children of Snohomish county.

The Children's Commission is comprised of up to 25 members, at least two being youth under 18. Membership includes three members representing each council district and ten at-large members. Members must represent one or more of the following areas: health and human services; education; business and labor; law and justice; concerned citizens; state department of social and health services and/or the United States department of health and human services; youth; elected officials; minorities. Board members are recommended by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

The commission currently has twelve (12) members with one reappointment proposed.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 21-226 requests Council confirm the reappointment of Desmond Pullen. Mr. Pullen has served two full terms and if confirmed, this would be his third representing District 5. Mr. Pullen has 45 years of experience working with children and their families as a teacher and administrator.

Duration: If confirmed, Mr. Pullen's third term would expire May 31, 2025.

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.

Analysis: Mr. Pullen's appointment is supported by the Children's Commission and is in line with SCC 2.410.020.

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE

Request: Move to GLS on July 14, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.