



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

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ECAF: 2023-0321

Proposal: Motion 23-130

Date: April 4, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-130 would confirm James Beatty to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board (VAFEB) to serve an initial four-year term.

Background

The Veterans Assistance Fund provides relief of indigent veterans, their families, and family of deceased indigent veterans. Its Executive Board provides recommendations to the County Executive and departments on the budget for the fund and may perform other duties as requested. (More details about the VAFEB are on page 2.)

James Beatty, resident of Council District 5, has applied to serve on the VAFEB to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). James is a lifetime member of the VFW and is an active member in the community. He has indicated a willingness and ability to perform the dues of a VAFEB member. The County Executive recommends that the County Council confirm the appointment of James Beatty to the VAFEB to a first term expiring April 30, 2027.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-130 would confirm the appointment of James Beatty to the VAFEB.

Effective Date: The confirmation would be effective upon passage of this motion.

Fiscal Implications: No impact.

Handling: Normal

Finance: Approve

Executive: Approve

Request: Consideration on April 4, 2023.

Exhibit A – About the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board

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. 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.

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

² [RCW 73.08 – Veterans' Relief](#)