



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
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**Signature Report**

**May 23, 2017**

**Motion 14865**

**Proposed No. 2017-0137.1**

**Sponsors von Reichbauer**

1           A MOTION adopting the 2017 work plan for the  
2           government accountability and oversight committee.

3           WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the government accountability and oversight  
4 committee for 2017 are detailed in Motion 14819 unless a motion is passed, and

5           WHEREAS, Motion 14819 charges the government accountability and oversight  
6 committee with considering and making policy recommendations relating to:

7           1. Improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness, and performance of all branches  
8 of county government (legislative, executive and judicial);

9           2. Enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in King County  
10 government, the annual county audit program and federal, state or county audit reports,  
11 the administration of the Public Records Act, civil rights and compliance, capital projects  
12 oversight, strategic planning, performance measurement and performance management,  
13 management organizational structure and technology management; and

14           3. General government oversight, including customer service, worker safety, the  
15 department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable  
16 communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management;  
17 veterans; and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management,  
18 purchasing and real property management, and

19           WHEREAS, in the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall

20 track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy

21 direction for the biennial budget, and

22 WHEREAS, the committee has developed a work plan for 2017 to facilitate its

23 review and development of policy options and recommendations on these and other

24 issues, and

25 WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council support for its work plan;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

27           The government accountability and oversight committee's 2017 work plan,  
28 Attachment A to this motion, is hereby accepted.  
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Motion 14865 was introduced on 3/27/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/22/2017, by the following vote:

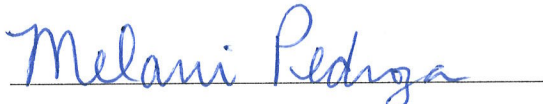
Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 2017 Work Program



## King County

### Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 2017 Work Program

The Government Accountability and Oversight Committee will consider and make recommendations on:

- Improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness, and performance of all branches of County government;
- Enhancing oversight, accountability, and transparency in County government; and
- Increasing general government oversight.

During 2017, the Committee will focus on the following issues:

1. **Technology Oversight and Monitoring.** Review activities, reports, policy proposals, and plans for King County's use of technology to improve delivery of public services.

#### **Key Work Program Items:**

- Review and make recommendations to the full Council on Review annual update to the County's Strategic Technology Plan
- Review Benefit Achievement Plans for proposed and ongoing IT projects
- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses

2. **Human Resources Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on issues related to King County employees and human resources issues.

#### **Key Work Program Items:**

- Review proposed collective bargaining agreements with labor units that are within the committee's jurisdiction
- Receive briefings and review legislation on human resources policy and initiatives, such as leave policies, recruitment, worker safety, voluntary separation, and training
- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses, including the proviso response related to accountable care networks (Ordinance 18409, Section 121, Proviso P1

3. **King County Auditor's Office.** Review the work of the King County Auditor as outlined in Motion 14802, adopting the King County Auditor's Office 2017-18 Work Program.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Receive briefings on a range of Auditor's Office work items and consider legislative action based on presented findings, including
  - A performance audit of overtime in the King County Sheriff's Office
  - An evaluation of the roles, responsibilities and general effectiveness among different stakeholders in addressing homelessness
  - An assessment of Real Estate Services' processes for tax title properties
  - Continued oversight of projects in the King County Courthouse
- Receive updates on the County's Capital Project Oversight Program
- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses, including
  - a performance audit of the department of permitting and environmental review's workload and staff to determine if the department is providing services and processing permits efficiently and economically (Ordinance 18409, Section 10, Expenditure Restriction ER1); and
  - a performance audit of the community based relicensing program operated by Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing ("LELO") under contract with King County (Ordinance 18409, Section 10, Expenditure Restriction ER2).

**4. Elections Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on Elections operations.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Consider appointments to Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee
- Review Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee 2017 Annual Report with briefing from CEOC Chair
- Review and discuss goals, accomplishments and proposed innovations with Elections Director
- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses

**5. Taxi, Car Sharing and For-Hire Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on taxicab, ride sharing and for-hire services.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Review the annual Taxicab Report
- Briefing on the state legislature's actions related to the for-hire industry

**6. King County Airport.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on operations and future planning for the King County Airport.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Review and make recommendations to the full Council on the King County

International Airport Master Plan Update

- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses, including the proviso response related to the strategic plan for airport security (Ordinance 18409, Section 108, Proviso P1)

- 7. King County boards and commissions.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on appointments to boards and commissions that provide direct citizen oversight of County functions.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Consider appointments to King County boards and commissions that are within the committee's jurisdiction, including but not limited to:
  - King County Ethics Board
  - King County Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee
  - King County International Airport Roundtable
  - King County Civic Television Citizens' Advisory Committee
  - Regional Communications Board
  - Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District

- 8. Government Oversight, Accountability and Transparency.** Review and provide guidance on issues and projects that could enhance government accountability.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Track and report on any related budgets, provisos and responses
- Review and consider information and policy proposals on issues within the committee's jurisdiction, including but not limited to issues listed in items one through eight above and:
  - Cable communications
  - Civil rights and compliance
  - Customer service
  - Department of Assessments
  - Federal and State audit reports
  - General government services, including Records and Licensing, Facilities Management, Purchasing, Telecommunications, and Real Property Management
  - King County Fair and fairgrounds
  - Management organizational structure
  - Performance measurement and management
  - Public Records Act administration
  - Regional Animal Control Services
  - Risk management
  - Strategic planning
  - Veterans' issues
  - Worker safety