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Meeting Agenda Committee of the Whole

Claudia Balducci, Chair;
Teresa Mosqueda, Vice Chair;
Jorge Barón, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Sarah Perry,
De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay

Lead Staff: Andy Micklow (206-263-3226)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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1. Call to Order



2. Roll Call

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3. Approval of Minutes p. 5

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4. Public Comment

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Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0416](#) p. 9

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sercan Hepsener, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

Melissa Bailey, Council staff

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0417](#) p. 9

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Wahid Bihroz, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

Melissa Bailey, Council staff

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0074](#) p. 18

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Asia Tail, who resides in council district five, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative.

Sponsors: Quinn

Gene Paul, Council staff

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0087](#) p. 26

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Paul Graves, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district nine representative.

Sponsors: Dunn

Sam Porter, Council staff



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9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0088](#) p. 32

A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Mac Nicholson, Director, King County Council Government Relations

Other Business

Adjournment



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9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Barón moved approval of the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following individuals provided public comment: Serena Glover and Stephen Buffington

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0011](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Aaron Parker as director of the community corrections division within the department of adult and juvenile detention.

Andy Micklow, Council staff, briefed the committee. Allen Nance, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, addressed the committee. Aaron Parker, Division Director Designee, Community Corrections Division, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention; addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Barón that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0072](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to a vacant position on the fire district No. 47 board of commissioners.

Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, briefed the committee. Candidates Ryan Beniasch and Mkristo Bruce addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 10:21 a.m. for 10 minutes for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The meeting returned to regular session at 10:31 a.m.

Councilmember Dunn made an oral amendment to place the name of Mkristo Bruce on the blank space on line 20 of the motion. The amendment was adopted.

This matter was expedited to the February 25, 2025, Council agenda.

A motion was made by Dunn that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0387](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to wineries, breweries, distilleries, and remote tasting rooms; amending Ordinance 1888, Article III, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.01.150, Ordinance 19030, Section 13, and K.C.C. 21A.06.996, Ordinance 19881, Section 211, and K.C.C. 21A.xx.xxx, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.070, Ordinance 10870, Section 335, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.080, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.090, Ordinance 19881, Section 177, and K.C.C. 21A.xx.xxx, Ordinance 10870, Section 407, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.18.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 536, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.080, Ordinance 15606, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.085, Ordinance 10870, Section 537, as amended, and

K.C.C. 21A.30.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 547, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 548, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.110, Ordinance 10870, Section 549, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.120, and Ordinance 13623, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.32.010, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 21A.06, repealing Ordinance 19030, Section 3, Ordinance 19030, Section 4, and K.C.C. 6.74.010, Ordinance 19030, Section 5, and K.C.C. 6.74.020, Ordinance 19030, Section 6, and K.C.C. 6.74.030, Ordinance 19030, Section 7, and K.C.C. 6.74.040, Ordinance 19030, Section 8, and K.C.C. 6.74.050, Ordinance 19030, Section 9, and K.C.C. 6.74.060, Ordinance 19030, Section 10, and K.C.C. 6.74.070, Ordinance 19030, Section 11, and K.C.C. 6.74.080, Ordinance 19030, Section 14, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427A, Ordinance 19030, Section 15, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427B, Ordinance 19030, Section 16, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427C, Ordinance 19030, Section 28, Ordinance 19030, Section 29, and K.C.C. 21A.55.110, and Ordinance 19030, Section 32, prescribing penalties, and establishing an effective date.

Erin Auzins, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Jim Chan, Director, Permitting Division, Department of Local Services, answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved striking amendment S1 and title amendment T1. The amendments were adopted..

A motion was made by Barón that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0020](#)

A MOTION relating to public transportation, requesting the executive to engage on a task force on transit safety and security to address public safety on transit and in the communities in which the Metro transit department operates.

Mary Bourguignon, Council staff, briefed the committee. Deanna Martin, Chief of Staff, Metro Transit Department, answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Dunn moved striking amendment S1. Chair Balducci offered a friendly amendment to add "and the King County Council" on line 34 following "Union, Local 587". The friendly amendment was accepted. The striking amendment as amended was adopted. Councilmember Dunn moved title amendment T1. The amendment was adopted.

This matter was expedited to the March 4, 2025, Council agenda.

A motion was made by Dunn that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0073](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the King County Doors Open Program implementation plan, required by Ordinance 19710, Section 9; amending Ordinance 19868, Section 1, as amended, and repealing Ordinance 19868, Attachment B.

Gene Paul, Council staff, briefed the committee. Brian Carter, Executive Director, 4Culture, addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

Briefing

10. [Briefing No. 2025-B0029](#)

Federal Funding Risk Assessment Briefing

David Hacket, General Counsel, Executive's Office, addressed the committee. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

The chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(h) at 12:05 p.m. for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel the legal risks of a proposed action to which the county is or is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county.. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes. The meeting returned to regular session at 12:20 p.m.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Committee of the Whole**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:	5 and 6	Name:	Melissa Bailey
Proposed No.:	2024-0416 and 2024-0417	Date:	March 25, 2025

SUBJECT

Proposed Motions that would confirm the Executive's appointment of the following persons to the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission:

- Sercan Hepsener, who resides in Council District Seven, to a partial term to expire September 30, 2025 (Proposed Motion 2024-0416), and
- Wahid Bihroz, who resides in Council District Seven, to a partial term to expire September 30, 2026 (Proposed Motion 2024-0417).

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission (Commission) was established to act as "the focal point for connecting a broad group of stakeholders to identify, elevate and develop shared strategies and solutions, streamline and strengthen efforts, and bring more resources to the most pressing issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities."¹ The Commission also focuses on understanding and addressing challenges faced by immigrant and refugee communities living in suburban cities and unincorporated areas of the county. A non-exhaustive list of the Commission's duties is provided in K.C.C. 2.78.020.

The Commission is comprised of thirteen members with the following membership requirements²:

- A diversity of members reflecting a range of ethnicities, professional backgrounds, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the diversity of the county's immigrant and refugee communities;
- All members must be residents of King County;
- All members shall demonstrate active and engaged civic participation in one or more immigrant and refugee communities and be well versed on the issues affecting those communities;
- Membership shall reflect gender diversity;

¹ Ordinance 18653 and King County Code Chapter 2.78

² K.C.C. 2.78.030

- At least six members shall be from suburban cities or unincorporated areas;
- At least three members shall have had personal experiences as a refugee or asylee from any location worldwide;
- Membership shall represent a range of age groups, including persons representing youth issues;
- At least five members shall represent and be appointed by an immigrant-led organization serving immigrant communities and of these representatives at least three members shall represent and be appointed by a small grass-roots community-based organization that has an annual budget of less than two-hundred fifty thousand dollars, that supports the needs of distinct immigrant and refugee communities and is composed predominantly of members of those communities;
- At least one member should have familiarity with King County government, systems, and agencies; and
- Persons representing faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply.

Additionally, the Commission may include four nonvoting members who shall be community leaders actively engaged with local government, business, or philanthropic organizations, and add value to the Commission and raise its visibility and capacity through their expertise, relationships, and networks.

Per the County Code, appointments to the Commission are subject to Council confirmation. Passage of the proposed motions would fulfill this requirement.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Appointee Hepsener. Proposed Motion 2024-0416 would confirm the appointment of Sercan Hepsener, who resides in Council District Seven, for a partial term to expire on September 30, 2025. He would serve on the Commission as an individual.

According to his application materials, Appointee Hepsener moved to the United States about 11 years ago from Türkiye.³ He spent his first year in San Diego, California where he attended a language school. Appointee Hepsener then moved to Washington State for graduate school to study business administration. As noted in his application, he connects with people from all over the world by attending events held by InterNations.⁴ He is also active in the Turkish community and attends Turkfest⁵ as well as picnics organized by the Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA).⁶ He has experience volunteering at community festivals and celebrations, such as the Georgetown Carnival and Fremont Fair.

When asked about the most pressing issues facing his community, he shared that Turks have often been mischaracterized and seen as "other." In his application, he notes that

³ Turkey, officially the Republic of Türkiye.

⁴ InterNations is an international community for people who live and work abroad. According to its website, it offers global networking opportunities, local events, and expat-relevant information. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁵ TurkFest is an annual festival and is part of the Seattle Center Festival series. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁶ TACAWA is a non-profit organization serving the Turkish American community in the Pacific Northwest since 1973. [\[LINK\]](#)

he would like to help find ways for his community to feel included as part of the wider community of King County.

Appointee Bihroz. Proposed Motion 2024-0417 would confirm the appointment of Wahid Bihroz, who resides in Council District Seven, for a partial term to expire on September 30, 2026. He would serve on the Commission as a representative for an immigrant-led organization, Kabul Washington Bridge, which has a budget below \$250,000.

In his application materials, Appointee Bihroz notes that through his work, he has gained a comprehensive understanding of the needs and challenges faced by immigrants and refugees and has developed strong connections within the community.⁷ He states that he has experience collaborating "with local housing agencies, landlords, and community organizations to secure suitable housing options and navigate the complexities of the rental market." He has also facilitated workshops and information sessions to educate immigrants and refugees about their rights and responsibilities as tenants. Additionally, he has "actively engaged with local policymakers, community leaders, and stakeholders to address systemic barriers and promote policies that support the integration and success of immigrant and refugees."

Appointee Bihroz states in his application that he is "dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity by connecting individuals to vital services, such as housing, education, healthcare, and employment opportunities."

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments. They appear to be consistent with the requirements in the County Code.

INVITED

- Sercan Hepsener, Appointee, Immigrant and Refugee Commission
- Wahid Bihroz, Appointee, Immigrant and Refugee Commission
- Dae Shogren, King County Council, Staff Liaison, Immigrant and Refugee Commission
- Brian Chu, OERSJ, Staff Liaison, Immigrant and Refugee Commission

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2024-0416
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2024-0417
4. Transmittal Letter

⁷ At the time he applied to the Commission, Appointee Bihroz served as a Housing Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee and the Executive Director of Kabul Washington Association (now called Kabul Seattle Community Services). Executive staff have confirmed that his current affiliation is with Kabul Washington Bridge.



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Signature Report

Motion

Proposed No. 2024-0416.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
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4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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Motion

7 to expire on September 30, 2025, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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December 6, 2024

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Sercan Hepsener, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission, for a partial term expiring September 30, 2025.

Mr. Hepsener's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

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Cheryse Ishii / Daud Ali, Staff Liaison

Sercan Hepsener



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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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 Wahid Bihroz



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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Gene Paul
Proposed No.:	2025-0074	Date:	March 25, 2025

SUBJECT

A motion confirming Asia Tail to the 4Culture Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2025-0074 would confirm the appointment of Asia Tail as an Executive at-large appointment to Position 10 of the 4Culture Board for the remainder of the three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027. This is Ms. Tail's first appointment to the 4Culture Board. She is an artist, a co-founder and executive director of yəhaw' Indigenous Creatives Collective, and her application materials describe her as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma who was born and raised on Coast Salish territories.

Council staff analysis has determined that the appointment meets the board member criteria established in the 4Culture Charter. In addition, the appointment was nominated and appointed consistent with the process established in the 4Culture Charter and Bylaws.

BACKGROUND

4Culture. 4Culture, King County's Cultural Public Development Authority (PDA), was established in 2002 to administer King County's arts and heritage programs. 4Culture replaced the functions of the County's former Office of Cultural Resources in order to exercise the powers vested in PDAs under state law and realize operating efficiencies through operating independently of county government.¹ 4Culture is currently supported by 37.5 percent of the proceeds from the King County lodging (hotel/motel) tax and the cultural access sales tax, which supports the Doors Open Program.

¹ Ordinance 14482, enacted October 1, 2002. [\[LINK\]](#)

4Culture's name was derived from its four original cultural programs. A fifth cultural program was added through the Doors Open Program in 2024, but 4Culture retained its name. The cultural programs include:

- **Arts.** 4Culture provides capital and operating grant funding for individual artists, groups, and community organizations.
- **Heritage.** 4Culture provides capital and operating grant funding for organizations focused on building the historical record, preserving and enhancing the character of the region, and sharing local heritage resources.
- **Preservation.** 4Culture provides project, capital, and operating support to aid in the historic preservation of buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes. The organization also provides support for heritage tourism for King County communities.
- **Public Art.** 4Culture manages the County's 1% for Art program and manages arts installations throughout the county for new capital construction projects.
- **Science and Technology.** This fifth cultural area was added through the Doors Open Program. 4Culture provides capital and operating support to eligible organizations that have an explicit focus on science or technology.

4Culture Board. Per 4Culture Charter² and Bylaws³, 4Culture is governed by a fifteen-member Board of Directors. Directors are to have a demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of cultural resources, be active and experienced in community and civic issues and concerns and have the ability to evaluate the needs of cultural constituencies in the region as a whole.

Directors are to represent a range of talents, experience, backgrounds, and viewpoints and to be sought from a range of: professional artists; arts administrators; architects; landscape architects; administrators, professionals and specialists in heritage and historic preservation; administrators, professionals and specialists in cultural education; urban planners and designers; attorneys; community arts and heritage activists; business professionals; and the community at large. Directors must be residents of King County and are to be chosen to reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of the County.⁴

In March 2018⁵ and again in December 2019⁶, the appointment process for the 4Culture Board changed to the following:

- Position 1 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 1;
- Position 2 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 2;

² Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A. [\[LINK\]](#)

³ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment B. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁴ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A, Section 5.2.B. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁵ Ordinance 18684, enacted March 21, 2018. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁶ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019. [\[LINK\]](#)

- Position 3 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 3;
- Position 4 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 4;
- Position 5 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 5;
- Position 6 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 6;
- Position 7 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 7;
- Position 8 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 8;
- Position 9 is to be appointed by the County Councilmember of Council District 9; and
- Positions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are to be appointed by the County Executive.⁷

Appointments are subject to confirmation by the Council by motion.⁸ Board members may begin serving as voting members upon confirmation by the Council.⁹ Board members serve for terms of three years and may serve up to two consecutive full terms, where a partial term of two years or more shall be deemed one full term.¹⁰ Board members are allowed to continue to serve in the position for which the term has expired and a successor has not been duly appointed and confirmed by the Council.¹¹

In addition to the fifteen board members, 4Culture has five ex-officio board members which include one member of the Executive staff, three County Councilmembers, and the 4Culture Executive Director.¹²

Doors Open Program. In December 2023, the Council established the King County Doors Open Program to support cultural organizations. Doors Open is funded through a one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax imposed by the County for seven years beginning in April 2024 and ending in March 2031.¹³ The total revenues collected for the program are forecasted to be approximately \$716 million for all seven years (approximately \$100 million per year on average).¹⁴

Under the Doors Open Program, the 4Culture Board is responsible for advising, monitoring, and providing oversight of the program for achieving the general public, equity inclusion, and geographic inclusion public benefits associated with the program. Under the implementation plan, the 4Culture Board is responsible for the final review and approval of all grant awards.¹⁵ The ordinance does not establish any additional

⁷ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A, Section 5.2.D. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁸ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A, Section 5.2.E. [\[LINK\]](#)

⁹ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment B, Section 1.4. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹⁰ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A, Section 5.3. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹¹ Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment B, Section 1.5. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹² Ordinance 19036, enacted December 19, 2019, Attachment A, Section 5.8. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹³ Ordinance 19710, enacted December 18, 2023. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹⁴ King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis's August 2024 forecast [\[LINK\]](#)

¹⁵ Ordinance 19868, enacted December 9, 2024, Attachment B, Section 2.J [\[LINK\]](#)

advisory body for the Doors Open Program, however, the 4Culture Board may create one or more committees to advise on issues relevant to the program.¹⁶

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Asia Tail is an artist, community organizer, and arts administrator. According to application materials, she is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma who was born and raised on Coast Salish territories. Ms. Tail is the co-founder and executive director of yəhaw̓ Indigenous Creatives Collective, "a community of intertribal Indigenous artists rematriating 1.5 acres of land in South Seattle."¹⁷ The collective works to "improve Indigenous well-being through art-making, community buildings, and equitable creative opportunities."¹⁸ She also works as a freelance consultant with cross-sector organizations to channel resources to Indigenous communities. She has previously served as an Arts and Culture Consultant for the City of Tacoma's Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality, as a Program Manager for the Native Action Network, and as a Program Officer for the Seattle Foundation. Throughout those roles, Ms. Tail managed programs and funding portfolios, coordinated application and selection processes for artist grant awards, and implemented practices focusing on equity for BIPOC artists and communities. She has also served on the City of Seattle's Indigenous Advisory Council, which advises Seattle's Mayor, City Council, and departments on policies, budgets, programs and services directly affecting Indigenous populations.¹⁹

ANALYSIS

Proposed Motion 2025-0074 would confirm the appointment of Asia Tail as an Executive at-large appointment to the 4Culture Board Position 10 for the remainder of the three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027. This is Ms. Tail's first appointment to the 4Culture Board.

Council staff analysis has determined that the appointment meets the board member criteria established in the 4Culture Charter. In addition, the appointment was nominated and appointed consistent with the process established in the 4Culture Charter and Bylaws.

INVITED

- Asia Tail, Appointee to the 4Culture Board
- Claire Miccio, Government and Community Relations Manager, 4Culture

¹⁶ Ordinance 19710, enacted December 18, 2023, Section 4.B.5. [\[LINK\]](#)

¹⁷ "About Us," yəhaw̓ Indigenous Creatives Collective. The website includes an audio clip to hear how to pronounce the Lushootseed word yəhaw̓ that means "to proceed, go forward, do the work." [\[LINK\]](#)

¹⁸ "About Us," yəhaw̓ Indigenous Creatives Collective.

¹⁹ "About Us," City of Seattle Indigenous Advisory Council [\[LINK\]](#)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0074
2. Transmittal Letter



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Motion

Proposed No. 2025-0074.1

Sponsors Quinn

1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
2 Asia Tail, who resides in council district five, to the King
3 County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an
4 executive at-large representative.

5 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

6 The county executive's appointment of Asia Tail, who resides in council district
7 five, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-

8 large representative, for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027, is hereby
9 confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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February 14, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Asia Tail, who resides in council district five, to the King County Cultural Development Authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Ms. Tail's resume, board profile, and appointment letter are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
 King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
 ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff
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 Penny Lipsou, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
 Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, Office of the Executive
 Erica Maniez, Staff Liaison
 Asia Tail



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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	8	Name:	Sam Porter
Proposed No.:	2025-0087	Date:	March 25, 2025

SUBJECT

A Proposed Motion to confirm the appointment of Paul Graves as the District Nine representative to the Harborview Medical Center Board of Trustees, for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on July 31, 2028.

BACKGROUND

Harborview Medical Center (HMC) serves as the only Level 1 trauma center in the four-state region of Washington, Alaska, Idaho, and Montana. Harborview prioritizes serving the non-English-speaking poor, the uninsured and underinsured, people who experience domestic violence and or sexual assault, incarcerated people in King County's jails, people with behavioral health illnesses, particularly those treated involuntarily, people with sexually transmitted diseases, and individuals who require specialized emergency care, trauma care, and severe burn care. HMC is owned by King County and operated by the University of Washington. The hospital is governed by the 13-member Board of Trustees. The Board, as the representative authority of the County, is entrusted to oversee the provision of health care services to assure that the county's priorities are addressed, and high-quality health care is made available to County residents irrespective of their ability to pay. Board membership is comprised of one member from each Council district and four at-large members. Nominees are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the Council by motion.¹

In accordance with King County Code 2.42, an effort should be made to assure that diverse geographic, social, cultural, ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds and perspectives are considered for candidate appointments. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership ability, and recognized experience in management or administration, planning, finance, health service delivery, consumer representation or institutional operation; and the ability to work cooperatively with others of diverse backgrounds and philosophies. During the two years prior to appointment, candidates must not have held a salaried position in County government or any organization that holds a contract with the Hospital. Further, candidates must not be employed in a managerial capacity by or serve on the board of a UW Medicine competitor.

¹ K.C.C. 2.42.040

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Paul Graves. Mr. Graves works as an attorney for Oak Harbor Freight Lines and serves as president of Enterprise Washington, a research and strategy nonprofit, “aimed at creating an atmosphere in which lawmakers work proactively to help Washington’s private sector thrive.”² Mr. Graves previously served in the Washington House of Representatives, for the 5th Legislative District, and as the House Republican Caucus Appointee to the 2021-22 Washington State Redistricting Commission.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments which appears to be consistent with King County Code requirements.

INVITED

- Paul Graves, Appointee

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0087
2. Transmittal Letter
3. HMC Board of Trustees Profile, dated February 2025

² Enterprise Washington, <https://enterprisewashington.org/>



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Motion

Proposed No. 2025-0087.1

Sponsors Dunn

1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
2 Paul Graves, who resides in council district nine, to the
3 Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district
4 nine representative.

5 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

6 The county executive's appointment of Paul Graves, who resides in council
7 district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district nine

Motion

8 representative, for the remainder of a four-year term to expire on July 31, 2028, is hereby
9 confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Paul Graves, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center Board of Trustees, as the district nine representative, for the remainder of a four-year term expiring July 31, 2028.

Mr. Graves's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
 King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
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 Penny Lipsou, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
 Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, Office of the Executive
 Kelli Carroll, Staff Liaison
 Paul Graves

HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**DATE:** February 2025**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS:** 13 (Nominated by the King County Council with each Councilmember nominating one person to the board – plus four council at-large positions)**LENGTH OF TERM:** 4 Years

* *King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible process for individuals who wish to serve on a King County board or commission. We strive to ensure that King County boards and commissions are representative of the communities we serve.*

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED:

Pos. No.	Name	KCC District	Represents	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1.	David Baker	1	As the district one representative	8/27/14	7/31/22	2 Full
2.	Sharon Maeda	2	As the district two representative	3/14/14	7/31/19	1 Partial / 1 Full
3.	David Hadley	3	As the district three representative	3/24/21	7/31/25	1 Full
4.	David T. McDonald	2	As the district four representative	1/15/98	7/31/10	3 Full
5	VACANT	5	As the district five representative		7/31/24	
6.	Sheryl Whitney	6	As the district six representative	11/10/17	7/31/24	2 Full
7.	Steffanie Fain	7	As the district seven representative	12/12/14	7/31/26	1 Partial / 2 Full
8.	Clayton Lewis	8	As the district eight representative	6/29/04	7/31/18	1 Partial / 3 Full
9.	Paul Graves (pending)	9	As the district nine representative		7/31/28	
10	Dorothy Frost Teeter	4	As a Council at-large representative	6/29/23	7/31/26	1 Full
11	Meredith Matthews, MD	2	As a Council at-large representative	4/23/24	7/31/26	1 Partial / 2 Full
12	David Grossman, MD (Pending confirmation)	2	As a Council at-large representative	2/20/25	7/31/28	
13	Eileen Cody	8	As a Council at-large representative	7/7/23	7/31/24	1 Partial



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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	9	Name:	Mac Nicholson
Proposed No.:	2025-0088	Date:	March 25, 2025

SUBJECT

A Motion adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2025-0088 would adopt the 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities. The document is a statement of King County Federal policy priorities and provides direction to the County’s Federal advocacy team.

BACKGROUND

Each year, King County develops Federal Legislative Priorities. The Council and the Executive work together through their respective government relations staff, and in consultation with County departments, to decide on the policy positions that are most important to bring to the attention of the U.S. Congress and Federal bureaucracy. These are then reduced to writing in the form of a Legislative Priorities document.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0088



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Proposed No. 2025-0088.1

Sponsors Zahilay

1 A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal
2 Legislative Priorities.

3 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive work
4 together through their respective government relations staff and desire to bring their
5 positions on federal issues to the attention of the 119th Congress, and

6 WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local
7 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2025 federal legislative goals, and

8 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
9 federal government for addressing local needs in transit, transportation, infrastructure,
10 public health, behavioral health, veterans and human services, affordable housing,
11 poverty, homelessness, public safety, flood control, and many other areas, and

12 WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will
13 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's
14 2025 federal legislative goals;

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

16 The King County council hereby adopts the King County 2025 Federal

- 17 Legislative Priorities, Attachment A to this motion, as King County's highest priorities
18 for federal action.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None