



King County

516 Third Avenue, Council
Chambers, 10th Floor,
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Councilmembers:

*Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;
Steffanie Fain, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn*

*Lead Staff: Nick Bowman (206-477-7607)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)*

9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA

Hybrid Meetings: Attend the King County Council committee meetings in person in Council Chambers (Room 1001), 516 3rd Avenue in Seattle, or through remote access. Details on how to attend and/or to provide comment remotely are listed below.

Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

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- 3) Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.

To help us manage the meeting, if you do not wish to be called upon for public comment please use the Livestream or King County TV options listed above, if possible, to watch or listen to the meeting.

1. **Call to Order**

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2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes** **p. 5**

September 28, 2026 meeting minutes

4. **Public Comment**



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Briefings

5. [Briefing No. 2026-B0119](#) p. 8

Washington State Ballpark Public Facilities District Update

Joshua Curtis, Executive Director, Washington State Ballpark Public Facilities District

Stacy Graven, Vice-Chair of the Washington State Ballpark Public Facilities District Board of Directors

6. [Briefing No. 2026-B0122](#) p. 19

Update on the Washington State Public Stadium Authority

John Marchione, Executive Director, Washington State Public Stadium Authority

Fred Mendoza, Chair, Washington State Public Stadium Authority Board

Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0153](#) p. 20

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cheol Kang, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as King County's primary representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0158](#) p. 20

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Geoffrey Thomas, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0122](#) p. 32

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sandra Pailca, who resides in council district four, to the board of ethics, filling an executive-nominated position.

Sponsors: Barón

Nick Bowman, Council staff



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10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0266](#) p. 39

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Angela Dunleavy, who resides in council district eight, to the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka Seattle Convention Center) board of directors.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Nick Bowman, Council staff

Other Business

Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Councilmembers:

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Steffanie Fain, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn*

*Lead Staff: Nick Bowman (206-477-7607)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)*

9:30 AM

Monday, September 28, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING - DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 3 - von Reichbauer, Dunn and Fain

Excused: 1 - Balducci

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Fain moved approval of the August 17, 2026 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

Alex Tsimerman

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0114](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of elections structure and division responsibilities; and amending Ordinance 17994, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.16.135.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Fain that this ordinance be recommended do pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - von Reichbauer, Dunn and Fain

Excused: 1 - Balducci

Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, briefed the committee. Julie Wise, Director, Department of Elections, answered questions from the members.

Discussion and Possible Action

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0131](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Luis Navarro, who resides in council district six, to the King County board of appeals and equalization.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Fain that this motion be recommended do pass consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - von Reichbauer, Dunn and Fain

Excused: 1 - Balducci

Nick Bowman, Council staff, briefed the committee. Luis Navarro, appointee, answered questions from the members.

This item was expedited to the October 6, 2026 meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council.

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0122](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sandra Pailca, who resides in council district four, to the board of ethics, filling an executive-nominated position.

This matter was deferred.

Nick Bowman, Council staff, briefed the committee.

Briefing

8. [Briefing No. 2026-B0109](#)

Stormwater: Advancing Fee Structure, Oversight, and Spending Strategy Could Improve Results

This matter was presented.

Kymer Waltnunson, King County Auditor; Justin Anderson, Principal Auditor, King County Auditor's Office; Luc Poon, Senior Principal Auditor, King County Auditor's Office, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation. Mo McBroom, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks; and Josh Baldi, WLRD Division Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, also briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



King County Council

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Briefing

October 13, 2026

PFD Mission Statement

To maintain and enhance our iconic baseball park in order to promote the success of Major League Baseball in the State of Washington, enhance fan enjoyment, and contribute to an economically successful, safe, desirable, innovative and walkable stadium neighborhood.

Board of Directors

King County Appointed (4)

- Stacy Graven (Vice Chair)
- Donny Stevenson
- Susan Loosmore
- Juan Cotto

State Appointed (3)

- Chris Marr (Chair)
- Omar Riojas (Treasurer)
- Andrea Sato

What We Do

Manage the lease with the Mariners, ensuring the ballpark meets the Applicable Standard

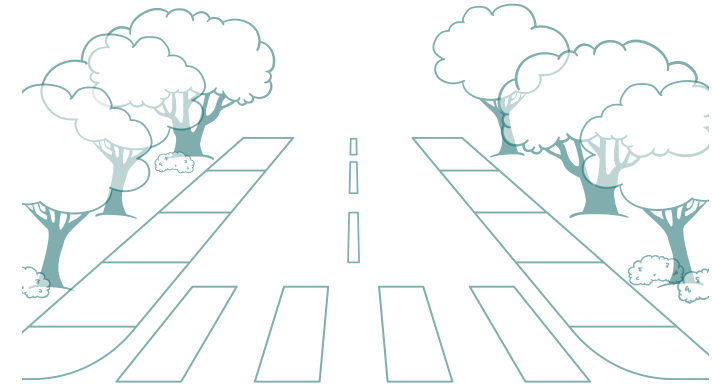
- Reviewing and approving annual and ten-year capital improvement plans
- Conducting annual inspections of the ballpark
- Benchmarking against ten reference ballparks

Improve the fan experience upon arrival in the Stadium District

- Representing ballpark interests in local and regional conversations around transportation and land use
- Improving the public safety in the surrounding neighborhood through urban design and infrastructure improvements

Neighborhood Improvement

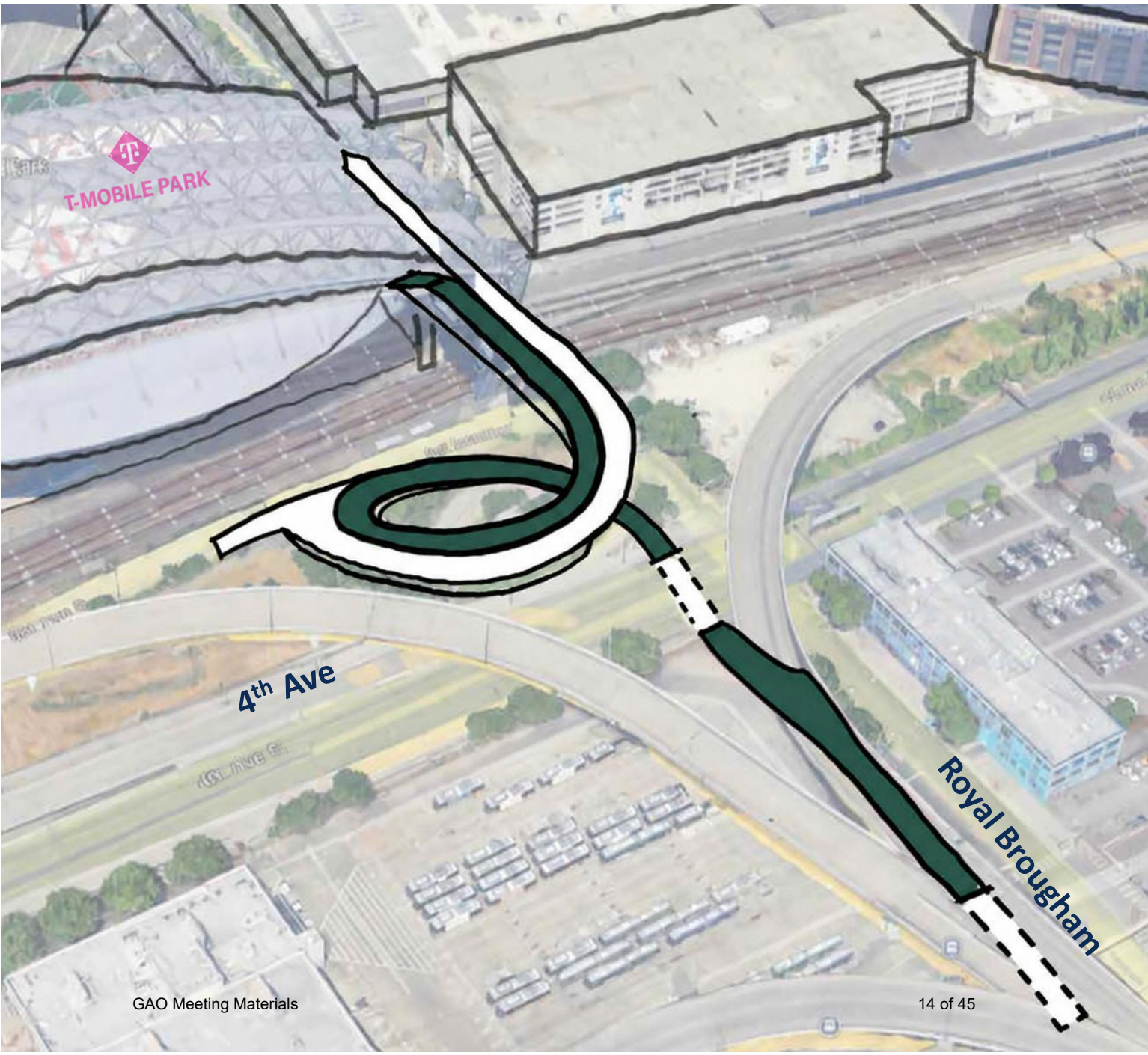
- Fund projects that enhance neighborhood surrounding the ballpark:
 - Urban Design
 - Public Safety & Pedestrian Experience
 - Environmental Sustainability
- Examples:
 - Ride-Share Lot Development
 - Supporting Occidental Ave Redesign
 - District Energy Feasibility
 - **Transit-to-Ballpark Pedestrian Improvements**



Transit-to-Ballpark Pedestrian Improvements

Project Goal

A clearly marked, safe, and visually engaging urban experience that builds anticipation toward the ballpark and Stadium District — defined by lighting, simplicity, and a few memorable moments.



Transit-to-Ballpark Route

Royal Brougham Sidewalk



DAY



NIGHT



Art Placeholder

Snail Entrance



Art Placeholder

Art Placeholder

Snail Pathway



Questions?

Contact

Joshua Curtis, Executive Director
curtisj@ballpark.org



King County

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

October 13, 2026

**Agenda Item No. 6
Briefing No. 2026-B0122**

**Update on the Washington State Public Stadium
Authority**

**Any materials for this item will be available at or
after the meeting.**



Metropolitan King County Council Staff Report

Committee:	Government Accountability and Oversight		
Agenda Item:	7 & 8	Analyst(s):	Nick Bowman
Proposed No.:	2026-0153 2026-0158	Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026

OVERVIEW

TOPIC: Proposed Motion 2026-0153 would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Cheol Kang, who works in Council District 8, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator (PSERN) Board of Directors, as King County’s primary representative.

Proposed Motion 2026-0158 would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Geoffrey Thomas, who works in Council District 8, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator (PSERN) Board of Directors, an alternate for the King County representative.

BACKGROUND

The King County Council approved Ordinance 17993 in March 2015, authorizing a ballot measure for the capital, transition, and financing costs for PSERN to be funded through a nine-year property tax levy. Voters approved the ballot measure in April of that year. PSERN replaced the county’s former emergency radio communications system (known as ‘KCERCS’).

Ordinance 19165, approved by the King County Council in September 2020, authorized the Executive to execute the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (PSERN Operator ILA) with the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila to create the PSERN Operator that assumed ownership and control of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) following project full system acceptance (FSA).

The PSERN Operator ILA also established a Board of Directors to serve as the governing body of the PSERN Operator. Table 1 on the next page provides an overview of the Board’s composition.

Table 1. PSERN Board of Directors Composition

4 Voting Members	King County Executive <i>or</i> designee approved by the King County Council
	City of Seattle Mayor <i>or</i> designee

	One mayor <i>or</i> city manager <i>or</i> designee representing Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) member cities
	One mayor <i>or</i> city manager <i>or</i> designee representing Valley Communications Center (Valley Com) member cities
2 Non-voting Members	Representative appointed by the King County Police Chiefs & Sheriff Association
	Representative selected jointly by the King County Fire Commissioners Association and the King County Fire Chiefs Association

As noted in Table 1, the appointment of a designee of the King County Executive to serve as the King County representative to the Board requires King County Council confirmation by motion. This requirement would be fulfilled by Council approval of Proposed Motions 2026-0158 and 2026-0153.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Choel Kang is the Division Chief for the Support Services Division of the King County Sheriff's office (KCSO) which encompasses 911 call receiving and dispatching, Human Resources, Training, Technology, Property Management, Finance, Public Disclosure, and Courthouse Security.. According to his resume, Chief Kang has a long and distinguished career in public service that includes service in the United States Navy as an aviation maintenance officer, in the Navy Reserves as a public affairs officer, and as the Police Chief for the Mukilteo Police Department to name a few.

Geoffrey Thomas is the Chief of Staff for the King County Sheriff's Office. According to his resume, Geoffrey has over 30 years of professional experience including administrative and executive level leadership and staff level experience as a policy and budget analyst, city/county planner, and project manager.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 19165.

INVITED

- Cheol Kang, Chief, Support Services Division of the King County Sheriff's Office
- Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, King County Sheriff's Office

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2026-0153
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2026-0158
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Board Profile

**KING COUNTY**

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Signature Report**Motion****Proposed No. 2026-0153.1****Sponsors Mosqueda**

- 1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
- 2 Cheol Kang, who works in council district eight, to the
- 3 Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of
- 4 directors, as King County's primary representative.
- 5 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 6 The county executive's appointment of Cheol Kang, who works in council district
- 7 eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as King

- 8 County's primary representative, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

**Executive Girmay Zahilay**

Chinook Building, CNK-EX-0800
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104-2391

June 5, 2026

Cheol Kang
Community Programs and Services Division Chief
King County Sheriff's Office

Dear Chief Kang:

I am pleased to appoint you to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as King County's primary representative. Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the King County Council.

Enclosed please find the King County Boards and Commissions Code of Conduct. Newly appointed board members are required to review and sign the attached Code of Conduct within two weeks of receiving this letter. In addition, newly appointed board members must visit the King County boards and commissions website by typing the following web address into your internet browser:

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/executive/boards.aspx>. Upon accessing the boards and commissions website, click on the "Board Member Orientation Materials" tab near the bottom of the screen. Here you will find links to required board member training videos. Upon completing the required trainings, please complete the attached King County Training Certification Form. Please scan your completed forms and email them to Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, at romai@kingcounty.gov.

Thank you for agreeing to serve the people of King County as a member of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network.

Sincerely,

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Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Enclosure(s):

Executive Girmay Zahilay

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cc: The Honorable Sarah Perry, Chair, King County Council
 Tracey Doss, Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator | Administrator
 Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, Office of the Executive

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Signature Report**Motion****Proposed No. 2026-0158.1****Sponsors Mosqueda**

- 1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
2 Geoffrey Thomas, who works in council district eight, to
3 the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board
4 of directors, as an alternate for the King County
5 representative.
- 6 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 7 The county executive's appointment of Geoffrey Thomas, who works in council
8 district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors,

- 9 as an alternate for the King County representative, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

**King County | Office of the Executive**

Executive Girmay Zahilay

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Seattle, WA 98104-2391

June 12, 2026

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

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that would, if approved, confirm the appointment of Geoffrey Thomas, who works in council district eight, to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network operator board of directors, as an alternate for the King County representative.

Mr. Thomas'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 your staff have any questions about this appointment, please contact Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, at (206) 369-9279.

Sincerely,

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

The Honorable Sarah Perry

June 12, 2026

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Enclosures:

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Office of the Executive

Jasmin Weaver, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive

Sierra Howlett Browne, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Executive

Garrett Holbrook, Council Relations Manager, Office of the Executive

Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, Office of the Executive

Tracey Doss, Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator | Administrator

Geoffrey Thomas

BOARD/COMMISSION NAME: PUGET SOUND EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK OPERATOR (PSERN)**DATE: 5/15/2026****TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 6****LENGTH OF TERM: ONGOING**

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BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

Pos.	Name	KCC District	Background / Representing	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	Ian Huri	Countywide	King County Primary Representative		Ongoing	1
2	Jacob Adams	NA	City of Seattle Representative		Ongoing	1
3	Kirk Triplett	NA	Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency Cities Primary Representative	1/1/2024	Ongoing	1
4	Vonnie Mayer	NA	Valley Communications Center Cities Primary Representative	1/1/2024	Ongoing	1
5	Chris Elwell	NA	Fire Representative (Non-Voting)	1/1/2024	Ongoing	1
6	Chief Dan Youkoski	NA	Policy Representative (Non-Voting)	1/1/2024	Ongoing	1
7						



Metropolitan King County Council Staff Report

Committee:	Government Accountability and Oversight		
Agenda Item:	9	Analyst(s):	Nick Bowman
Proposed No.:	2026-0122	Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026

OVERVIEW

TOPIC: Proposed Motion 2026-0122 would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Sandra Pailca, who resides in council district four, to the Board of Ethics, for the remainder of a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2027. Ms. Pailca would be filling an Executive-nominated position.

BACKGROUND

Purpose. The King County Board of Ethics was created by Ordinance 1321 in 1972 “to ensure proper implementation of the code of ethics and to investigate and report on conflicts of interest.”¹ The Board of Ethics provides advisory opinions on questions of ethics whenever requested or when deemed necessary in the public interest.²

Membership. The Board consists of five members: two to be appointed by the County Executive, two to be appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the County Council, and a fifth member, who serves as chair and is appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the other four members. Each member serves a term of three years. King County Code is silent on the number of terms a Board member may serve. All appointments to the Board are subject to confirmation by the Council.³

In 2023, Ordinance 19661⁴ made a change to the Board of Ethics to include requirements that members of the Board have demonstrated experience applicable to carrying out the Board's responsibilities. The code also specifies that members should have a “strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, and well-managed board of ethics.”⁵

¹ [K.C.C. 3.04.090](#)

² [K.C.C. 3.04.100](#)

³ [K.C.C. 3.04.080.A.](#)

⁴ [King County – File #:2024-0180](#)

⁵ [K.C.C. 3.04.080.B.](#)

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Sandra Pailca is an attorney who, according to her application materials, focused toward practice areas with a foundation in ethics and integrity and who has also taught college level courses in Business Ethics as adjunct faculty. Ms. Pailca also sought to instill and enforce a culture of accountability and ethical conduct while serving two terms as the Director of the Office of Police Accountability for the City of Seattle, then for 15 years as a compliance and ethics executive at Microsoft.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 19661.

INVITED

- Sandra Pailca Appointee to the King County Board of Ethics
- Thomas Barrington, Staff Liaison to the King County Board of Ethics

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2026-0122
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile

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Signature Report**Motion****Proposed No. 2026-0122.1****Sponsors Barón**

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- 3 board of ethics, filling an executive-nominated position.
- 4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 5 The county executive's appointment of Sandra Pailca, who resides in council
- 6 district four, to the board of ethics, filling an executive-nominated position, for the

- 7 remainder of a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2027, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

**Executive Girmay Zahilay**

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May 6, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that would, if approved, confirm the appointment Sandra “Sam” Pailca, who resides in Council District four, to the Board of Ethics, filling an Executive-nominated position, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring July 31, 2027.

Ms. Pailca’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 your staff have any questions about this appointment, please contact Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, at (206) 369-9279.

Sincerely,

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Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

The Honorable Sarah Perry

May 6, 2026

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Garrett Holbrook, Council Relations Manager, Office of the Executive
Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, Office of the Executive
Thomas Barrington, Staff Liaison to the Board of Ethics
Sandra Pailca

KING COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**DATE:** December 2025**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS:** 5**LENGTH OF TERM:** 3-year terms

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BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED:

Pos. No.	Name	KCC District	Background / Representing	Date Appointed	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	Michael Blake	1	Professor of Philosophy and Public Affairs, Department of Philosophy and Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy, UW / Council-nominated position	3/8/23	7/31/26	1 Partial / 2 Full
2	Marsha Matsumoto	5	<i>Retired</i> , Managing Disciplinary Counsel, Washington State Bar Association Chair, Board-nominated position	5/19/25	7/31/26	1 Partial
3	Sandra Pailca <i>(pending nomination)</i>		Associate General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation Executive-nominated position			
4	Bruce Davis	8	Tax Review Officer (Administrative Law Judge) with the WA State Department of Revenue / Executive-nominated position	11/20/24	7/31/27	1 Partial / 1 Full
5	Amy Calderwood	4	<i>Retired</i> , King County Office of the Ombuds Director Council-nominated position	12/4/24	7/31/26	1 Partial



Metropolitan King County Council Staff Report

Committee:	Government Accountability and Oversight		
Agenda Item:	10	Analyst(s):	Nick Bowman
Proposed No.:	2026-0266	Meeting Date:	October 13, 2026

OVERVIEW

TOPIC: Proposed Motion 2026-0266 confirming the executive's appointment of Angela Dunleavy, who resides in council district eight, to the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka Seattle Convention Center) board of directors for a term to expire on July 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Washington State Convention Center in Seattle was created by the State Legislature in 1982¹ as a public nonprofit corporation. It was governed by a nine-member board of directors appointed by the Governor. Initial construction of the Center was completed in 1988 and there have been multiple expansions since.²

In 2010, the state legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 6889,³ which facilitated the transfer of the Center to King County through the formation of a Public Facilities District (PFD). The Council approved Ordinance 16883⁴ on July 19, 2010, which created the PFD to own and manage the Washington State Convention Center. The ordinance also retained the existing Convention Center board members as the initial board members of the new PFD until a new board could be constituted. Pursuant to K.C.C. chapter 2.300, the board consists of nine members, serving four-year terms:

- Three are nominated by the Executive and confirmed by the County Council; one appointment must be a representative of the lodging industry;
- Three are nominated by the Mayor of Seattle and confirmed by the City Council; one appointment must be a representative of organized labor; and

¹ [Chapter 67.40 RCW](#)

² The Convention Center campus includes Arch at 705 Pike (the original building, expanded in 2001), Arch at 800 Pike (completed in 2010), Summit (completed in 2023), and three parking garages, according to the [Seattle Convention Center](#) website.

³ [SSB 6889 \(2010\) \(wa.gov\)](#)

⁴ [King County – File #: 2010-0366](#)

- Three are appointed by the Governor; one appointment must be a representative of the lodging industry.

The Convention Center has three sources of revenue:

1. Operations of the Center;
2. Hotel/motel excise tax:
 - a) In Seattle: 7% of lodging charges by hotels and motels with at least 60 rooms;
 - b) In King County outside Seattle: 2.8% of lodging charges by hotels and motels with at least 60 rooms; and
3. City of Seattle excise tax (in Seattle only): 2% of lodging charges by hotels and motels with at least 60 rooms.⁵

In 2022, the Washington State Convention Center changed its operating name to the Seattle Convention Center.⁶

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

According to her application materials, Angela Dunleavy has spent 25+ years working in the Seattle hospitality industry, including co-founding Ethan Stowell Restaurants and serving as CEO of both FareStart and Gourmondo. Ms. Dunleavy currently serves on the boards of the Downtown Seattle Association and Seattle Metro Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the King County Workforce Development Council from 2019 to 2023.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of K.C.C. chapter 2.300.020.

INVITED

- Angela Dunleavy, Appointee to Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka Seattle Convention Center) board of directors

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2026-0266
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Board Profile

⁵ [RCW 36.100.040](#)

⁶ [Seattle Convention Center](#)

**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report**Ordinance****Proposed No. 2026-0266.1****Sponsors Mosqueda**

- 1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
- 2 Angela Dunleavy, who resides in council district eight, to
- 3 the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities
- 4 District (aka Seattle Convention Center) board of directors.
- 5 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
- 6 The county executive's appointment of Angela Dunleavy, who resides in council
- 7 district eight, to the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka

- 8 Seattle Convention Center) board of directors, for a four-year term to expire on July 31,
9 2030, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sarah Perry, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Girmay Zahilay, County Executive

Attachments: None

**King County | Office of the Executive****Executive Girmay Zahilay**

Chinook Building, CNK-EX-0800
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104-2391

September 10, 2026

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

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that would, if approved, confirm the appointment of Angela Dunleavy, who resides in Council District eight, to the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka Seattle Convention Center) Board of Directors, for a four-year term to expire on July 31, 2030.

Ms. Dunleavy's application, 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 your staff have any questions about this appointment, please contact Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, at 206-369-9279.

Sincerely,

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

The Honorable Sarah Perry

September 10, 2026

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Enclosures:

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Office of the Executive

Jasmin Weaver, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive

Sierra Howlett Browne, Director of Government Relations, Office of the Executive

Garrett Holbrook, Council Relations Manager, Office of the Executive

Rosa Mai, Community Service, Boards & Commissions Specialist, Office of the Executive

Linda Wallinger, Chief Administrative Officer for the Seattle Convention Center

Angela Dunleavy

KING COUNTY [WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION CENTER PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT (DBA) SEATTLE CONVENTION CENTER]

DATE: APRIL 23, 2026

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 9

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.	Name	KCC District	Background / Representing	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	Frank Finneran	4	Appointed by King County	7/11/2014	7/30/2026	3 Full
2	Stuart Rolfe	2	Appointed by King County	12/10/2024	7/30/2028	1 Full
3	Deryl Brown-Archie	7	Appointed by King County	8/7/2014	7/30/2026	3 Full
4	Tom Norwalk		Appointed by the Governor	1/3/2023	7/30/2026	N/A
5	Rachel Smith		Appointed by the Governor	4/16/2026	7/30/2028	N/A
6	Craig Schafer		Appointed by the Governor	10/1/2013	7/30/2028	N/A
7	Joy Shigaki		Appointed by the Mayor	3/25/2025	7/30/2028	N/A
8	Robert Flowers		Appointed by the Mayor	7/30/2010	7/30/2026	N/A
9	Katie Garrow		Appointed by the Mayor	4/12/2022	7/30/2026	N/A