



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**March 11, 2014**

**Motion 14091**

**Proposed No. 2014-0089.1**

**Sponsors von Reichbauer**

1                   A MOTION adopting the 2014 work program for the  
2                   government accountability and oversight committee.

3                   WHEREAS, the council has charged the government accountability and oversight  
4 committee with improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of all  
5 branches of county government; and with enhancing oversight, accountability and  
6 transparency in King County government, the office of law enforcement oversight, the  
7 annual county audit program and federal, state or county audit reports, the administration  
8 of the Public Records Act, civil rights and compliance, capital projects oversight,  
9 implementation of a pretrial risk assessment tool, strategic planning, performance  
10 measurement and performance management, management organizational structure and  
11 technology management, and

12                   WHEREAS, the government accountability and oversight committee is also  
13 charged with: general government oversight, including customer service, worker safety  
14 and the department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable  
15 communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management;  
16 veterans; and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management,  
17 purchasing and real property management, and

18                   WHEREAS, the committee seeks to be fully transparent and accountable to the  
19 public for its work program, and

20           WHEREAS, the committee has, therefore, developed a work plan for 2014 to  
21 facilitate its review of major bodies of work as outlined in the attachment to this motion,  
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23           WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council involvement in and support for its  
24 work program;

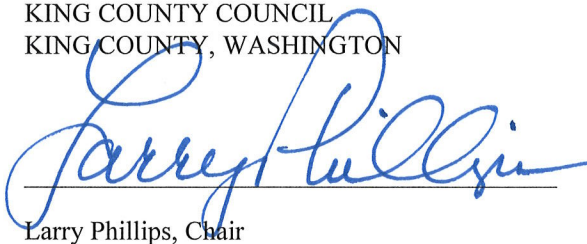
25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

26           The government accountability and oversight committee's 2014 work program,  
27 Attachment A to this motion, is hereby adopted.  
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Motion 14091 was introduced on 2/24/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 3/10/2014, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. 2014 GAO Work Program



## King County

### Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 2014 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 2014, 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 Benefit Achievement Plans for proposed and ongoing IT projects
- Review Strategic Technology Plan (Proposed Motion 2013-0308)
- Review proviso response related to business system standardization (Ordinance 17695 Section 23 P1)
- Review the integrated enterprise system (ERP) annual performance report (Ord 17699)
- Receive updates as needed on the status of King County's Emergency Radio Replacement Project
- Review the status of the Countywide Telephone System Replacement Project

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
- Coordinate as appropriate with the Committee of the Whole on responses to the "A Look at the Employer of the Future" initiatives (Ordinance 17695 Section 24 P1), including briefings on the KC eLearning system and other proposals

- Receive briefings and review legislation on human resources policy and initiatives, such as leave policies, recruitment, worker safety, voluntary separation, and training
- Review annual reports on apprenticeship and contracting opportunities
- Review Equal Employment Opportunity Commission five-year plan

**3. King County Auditor's Office.** Review the work of the King County Auditor as outlined in Motion 14034.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Receive briefings on a range of Auditor's Office work items and consider legislative action based on presented findings
- Receive updates on the County's Capital Project Oversight Program

**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 2013 Annual Report with briefing from CEOC Chair
- Review and discuss goals, accomplishments and proposed innovations with Elections Director
- Track and report on any related budget, provisos and responses, including, as appropriate, coordination with Committee of the Whole on the response to the proviso regarding a countywide action plan to engage limited English proficiency populations (Ordinance 17695, Section 33 P1)

**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 (due April 1, 2014)
- Review relevant policies of local jurisdictions
- Review national best practices on emerging policies
- As appropriate, consider new policy guidelines for taxi, car sharing and for-hire services

**6. King County Airport.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on operations and future planning for the King County Airport. Hold a special meeting and tour at the Airport.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Review the proposed Strategic Plan
- Review long-term lease plans and proposals

- Review space planning, land use, and security issues

**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 and transparency.

**Key Work Program Items:**

- Review proviso response related to enterprise risk management (Ordinance 17696 Section 22 P1)
- Review proviso response developing an operational strategic plan for the Regional Animal Services of King County (Ordinance 17476 Section 99 P1)
- Review information on the status of the King County Fair and fairgrounds
- Review and consider information and policy proposals on issues within the committee's jurisdiction, including but not limited to:
  - Civil rights and compliance
  - Customer service
  - Department of Assessments
  - Federal and State audit reports
  - Harborview Medical Center
  - General government services, including Records and Licensing, Facilities Management, Purchasing, Telecommunications, and Real Property Management
  - Management organizational structure
  - Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
  - Performance measurement and management
  - Pretrial risk assessment tool
  - Public/private partnership projects
  - Public Records Act administration
  - Real estate and space planning
  - Risk Management
  - Strategic planning
  - Veterans' Issues