



SCA Public Issues Committee MINUTES

December 8, 2021 – 7:00 PM
TELEPHONIC

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Sammamish, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 31 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)).

Guests present included Councilmember James Jeyaraj, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Barbara de Michele, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Earnest Thompson, Normandy Park (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Vanessa Kritzer, Redmond (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Kent Treen, Sammamish (PIC Alternate); Councilmember Rick Schaffer, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Councilmember-elect Kali Clark, Sammamish; Doug Levy, Renton consultant; Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, King County staff; Tom Goff, King County staff; Holli Cocci, Gordon Thomas Honeywell; Angela San Filippo, South King Housing and Homelessness Partners staff.

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry provided an overview of how the meeting would be facilitated using Zoom Webinar. He noted that any discussion in the chat logs would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

Chair Malchow asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

3. Approval of the October 13, 2021 PIC Minutes

Chair Malchow asked if there were any amendments to the October 13, 2021 PIC minutes. **Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Chair's Report

Chair Malchow reported that the December PIC meeting would be her last as chair and likely her last year serving on PIC. She thanked departing PIC members and alternates for their work on PIC and leadership in the region.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson recognized Chair Malchow for her outstanding leadership through a very difficult year. She reported that the King County City Managers recommend appointing SeaTac City Manager Carl Cole to join the SCA board in 2022, replacing outgoing board member Maple Valley City Manager Laura Philpot. Deanna recognized Philpot for her excellent work as a board member and ensuring a strong connection with the King County City Managers group. SCA Board elections will be held on December 15, 2021 for the

North and Snoqualmie Valley SCA caucuses, and on December 16, 2021 for the South and South Valley SCA caucuses. Both meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom and details will be sent to members. SCA sent letters to newly elected officials welcoming them to office and encouraging them to get involved in SCA. SCA will be holding a newly elected officials orientation in January and plans to host regular meetings to help acclimate newly elected officials throughout 2022. SCA will be holding a “PIC 101” training as part of the January PIC meeting and all SCA members, in addition to PIC members, are welcome to attend. SCA will also be hosting an orientation for all regional board and committee members in January.

At the October PIC meeting, PIC members were briefed on ongoing work to develop a King County Clean Water Plan. King County Wastewater Treatment Division recently decided to delay schedule for developing the plan by several months to incorporate feedback they have received about the process and engagement, and to allow time to resolve uncertainty concerning the Department of Ecology’s Nutrient General Permit issuance and negotiations related to a consent decree concerning combined sewer overflow. PIC members were also briefed on the Board of Health’s consideration of changes to its bicycle helmet regulations. Following public comment, the Board of Health decided to delay further consideration of the issue until the beginning of 2022.

Dawson thanked PIC members for their service throughout 2021 to their cities and to the region.

6. Regional Boards and Committee Appointments

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on November 19 and November 30, 2021 to develop a list of recommended appointments for consideration by the PIC ([December 8, 2021 PIC Packet; Item 6; Attachment A](#)). She thanked the Nominating Committee members for their time and dedication to review the many qualified applications to serve on regional boards and committees. If recommended by PIC, the SCA Board of Directors will consider PIC’s recommendations at their meeting on December 15, 2021. Dawson asked Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, if he would like to share his perspective as Chair of the PIC Nominating Committee. Loudenback thanked the other members of the PIC Nominating Committee: Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland; Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw; and Councilmember Traci Buxton, Des Moines. He said that appointing members to regional committees is one of the most important jobs of SCA and that the committee took their work very seriously.

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend the SCA Board of Directors approve the 2022 SCA Board and Committee appointments as recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee ([Attachment C](#)). There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Election of the 2020 PIC Chair and Vice Chair

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, reported as Chair of the PIC Nominating Committee, that the committee received one nomination each for the positions of PIC Chair and Vice Chair in 2022. The Nominating Committee voted to recommend Councilmember Bill

Boyce, Kent, to serve as 2022 PIC Chair and Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, to serve as 2022 PIC Vice Chair. He noted that both are outstanding and experienced members of PIC.

Councilmember Ross Loudenback, North Bend, moved, seconded by Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to appoint Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, as 2022 PIC Chair, and Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, as 2022 PIC Vice Chair. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 2022 SCA State Legislative Agenda

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that SCA has been collecting SCA member city legislative agendas in preparation for developing a 2022 SCA Legislative Agenda that reflects member city priorities. The SCA legislative agenda typically reflects legislative priorities found in common in city agendas across the SCA membership. Among the agendas received by SCA, areas of commonality include transportation and infrastructure funding; retaining local decision-making authority, particularly with regard to land use planning; economic recovery; addressing local fiscal needs; affordable housing development and preservation; and clarifying changes to state law made in 2021 related to law enforcement. Copies of city legislative agendas can be found on the [SCA website](#) . These shared priorities are included in a [draft SCA legislative agenda](#) for review and feedback from PIC.

Mayor Birney, Redmond, suggested the draft priorities have language added to give more emphasis to the importance of preserving local land use authority. In addition, adding language to recognize the potential impacts of additional taxes on all individuals and supporting additional use of federal funds to address utility payments in areas due to COVID-19.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, suggested including a priority relating to environmental protection and addressing climate change.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, to bring the draft legislative agenda back to the next PIC meeting, as shown in the [December 8, 2021 PIC Packet](#) including any revisions by staff, for potential action. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson encouraged members to provide any additional feedback they might have that would assist staff in making any revisions prior to the next PIC meeting. She noted that an item not on the agenda, but that multiple cities have expressed some concerns about, is HB 1058, which was introduced in 2021 and would allow a one-tenth of a percent sales tax for arts and culture to be approved councilmanically. Currently, such a tax requires voter approval. The bill would authorize counties to collect the tax initially, and that authority would transfer to cities if not enacted at the county level.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, stated that he was supportive of strengthening the priority related to local control over land use decisions.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, said that she supported including a priority related to utility arrearages.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, said that he was concerned that HB 1058 would be seen as not respecting the will of the voters, noting that King County voted against an arts and culture levy proposal in 2017. He suggested SCA may want to consider opposing the bill.

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson asked if there was any feedback about including a statement about climate change. She noted that it is already a significant priority for the Governor's Office, which has led some cities to focus on other local priorities to include in their legislative agendas.

Councilmember Chance LaFleur, Enumclaw, said that he would prefer to have a more directly city-focused agenda than to include a statement about climate change.

9. Metro Policy Updates

SCA Policy Analyst Hali Willis provided an update on new Metro transit policy updates. At the October PIC meeting, PIC members discussed ongoing work at the Regional Transit Committee to update Metro's three major policy documents: the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, the Service Guidelines, and the long-range plan transit service Metro Connects.

Between September and November 2021, the SCA caucus to the Regional Transit Committee used the SCA guiding principles recommended by PIC to guide their review of the proposed plan revisions. The SCA caucus developed ten amendments that add clarity and transparency to Metro's policies around adding, reducing, restructuring, and evaluating service. All ten SCA amendments passed Regional Transit Committee unanimously in November.

The policy documents were unanimously adopted by the King County Council on December 7. Many King County Councilmembers thanked the SCA caucus for their hard work and collaboration. The policies officially go into effect December 17, 2021, although Metro is unlikely to make any significant changes before the new year.

Executive Director Deanna Dawson recognized the SCA representatives on the Regional Transit Committee as well as city staff and SCA Policy Analyst Hali Willis for their outstanding work over the last 18 months or more to update the policies and represent city interests.

Councilmember Ross Loudonback, North Bend, said that he appreciated the work of staff and SCA representatives to the Regional Transit Committee. He said that moving forward, his concern from a Snoqualmie Valley perspective is regional equity, and ensuring that the more rural areas of the county are not overlooked in the allocation of transit service.

10. 2022 City Outlook

Chair Malchow led members in a roundtable discussion of city priorities, goals, and exciting projects members were looking forward to in 2022.

11. Informational Items

Chair Malchow noted that there was an informational item in the meeting packet related to upcoming levies and ballot measures.

12. Upcoming Events

Chair Malchow highlighted upcoming SCA events, including:

- a. SCA Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 10:00 AM to Noon
- b. SCA Board Elections – North and Snoqualmie Valley Caucuses – Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- c. SCA Board Elections – South and South Valley Caucuses – Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- d. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

13. For the Good of the Order

There were no items for the good of the order.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned 9:02 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Troy Linell
Auburn	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Athena Howes	Tom Stowe
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell	James McNeal	Tom Agnew
Burien	Krystal Marx	Nancy Tosta
Carnation	Dustin Green	Kim Lisk
Clyde Hill	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Traci Buxton	
Duvall	Michelle Hogg	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman Frazier
Federal Way	Martin Moore	Susan Honda (2 nd Alt.)
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	none
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Barbara de Michele
Kenmore	David Baker	Corina Pfeil
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Toby Nixon
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Les Burberry
Medina	Jennifer Garone	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	David Rosenbaum	Benson Wong
Milton	Jim Gillespie	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Linda Newing	
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Ernest Thompson
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Heather Koellen
Pacific	Leanne Guier	
Redmond	Angela Birney	Vanessa Kritzer
Renton	Armondo Pavone	Ed Prince
Sammamish	Christie Malchow	Kent Treen
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Will Hall
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	none
Snoqualmie	Katherine Ross	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Zak Idan
Woodinville	Gary Harris	Rachel Best-Campbell
Yarrow Point	Dicker Cahill	none

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

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Attachment B – Zoom Chat Log

19:04:56 From susan honda to Hosts and panelists:

I am here from FW in case CM Aseef-Dawson doesn't join.

9:14:45 From Leah Willoughby, SCA to Everyone:

SCA Board Elections - North and Snoqualmie Valley Registration:

<https://leahsca.wufoo.com/forms/s302m5o12pvevs/>

SCA Board Elections - South and South Valley Registration:

<https://leahsca.wufoo.com/forms/s1bnyisz15lerqb/>

19:15:57 From Kate Kruller, Tukwila to Hosts and panelists:

Kate Kruller, Tukwila joined the meeting

19:50:33 From Earnest Thompson to Hosts and panelists:

In general our city is very concerned about the taking away of the independence of cities to run their own affairs. It could be zoning rights , cultural taxes, and a host of issues. We want to decrease the influence of the higher levels of government in our cities self governance .

20:02:35 From Tamie Deady, Black Diamond to Hosts and panelists:

sorry, connection on my phone is not very good.

21:00:40 From Jennifer Garone, Medina to Earnest Thompson and all panelists:

Good bye everyone. Happy New Year