



SCA Public Issues Committee

February 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Online Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Roll Call** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 3 minutes
- 2. Public Comment** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 5 minutes
- 3. [Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2023 Meeting](#)** 2 minutes
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- 4. Chair’s Report** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 5 minutes
- 5. Executive Director’s Report** – David Hoffman, SCA Executive Director 5 minutes
- 6. [Legislative Update](#)** 20 minutes
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Candice Bock, Director, AWC Government Relations
- 7. [2024 PIC Meeting Schedule](#)** 10 minutes
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Brian Parry, SCA Policy Director
- 8. [Regional Board and Committee Appointments](#)** 10 minutes
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- 10. [PIC Orientation and New Member Welcome](#)** 30 minutes
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- 11. [Potential Future Levies and Ballot Measures](#)** 10 minutes
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Brian Parry, SCA Policy Director
- 12. Upcoming Events**
- a. SCA 2024 Appointee Orientation – Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – Details TBD
 - b. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2024
 - c. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- 13. For the Good of the Order**
- 14. Adjourn**

Sound Cities Association

Mission

To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

Vision

Capitalizing on the diversity of our cities to lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world.

Values

SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership.

SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking. SCA acknowledges the systemic racism and inequalities in our society and continues its commitment to the work needed to address them.

Commonly Used Acronyms

ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AHC	Affordable Housing Committee
AFIS Advisory Committee	Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
AWC	Association of Washington Cities
BOH	Board of Health
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflows
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board
DCHS	King County Department of Community and Human Services
DVI Task Force	Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
EDDB	Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
EMS Advisory Task Force	Emergency Medical Services Levy Advisory Task Force
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee for Community Development Block Grants
K4C	King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
KCD	King Conservation District
KCDAC	King Conservation District Advisory Committee
KCFCD	King County Flood Control District
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
KCPEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
LHWMP MCC	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
PIC	Public Issues Committee
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Points
PSCAA	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
PSCAAAC	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council
PSERN	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
RLSJC	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
RPC	Regional Policy Committee
RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee

RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
SCA	Sound Cities Association
SCAACG	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
SKHHP	South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board
WTD	King County Wastewater Treatment Division

2024 Public Issues Committee Roster

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	David White
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Larry Brown
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Dave Hamilton
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	Kristiana de Leon
Bothell	Rami Al-Kabra	Carston Curd
Burien	Kevin Schilling	
Carnation		
Clyde Hill	Steve Friedman	
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Harry Steinmetz	Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Duvall	Amy McHenry	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman-Frazier
Federal Way	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Victoria Hunt
Kenmore	Nigel Herbig	Melanie O'Cain
Kent	Bill Boyce	
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	John Tymczyszyn
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Dana Parnello
Medina	Michael Luis	
Mercer Island	Dave Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Tim Ceder
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Ariana Sherlock
Normandy Park	Jack Lamanna	Susan West
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Brenden Elwood
Pacific	Vic Cave	
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Osman Salahuddin
Renton	Ruth Perez	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Sid Gupta
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Tosh Sharp	Jovita McConnell
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

December 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

ONLINE MEETING

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Bill Boyce, Kent, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. 24 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Traci Buxton, Des Moines City Council; Vic Cave, Pacific City Council; Katie Halse, Bellevue staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond staff; and, Carmela Ennis, King County 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 for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

Chair Boyce asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Boyce closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the October 11, 2023 PIC Meeting Minutes

Chair Bill Boyce asked if there were any amendments to the minutes of the October 11, 2023 PIC meeting.

Councilmember Mac Johnston, Medina, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the October 11, 2023 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Boyce thanked members for their work and partnership throughout the year and for the opportunity to chair PIC for the prior two years.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director David Hoffman reported that at the SCA Annual Meeting members approved the SCA budget and dues for 2024 and celebrated retiring elected officials. Hoffman thanked all of those that attended and retiring members for their service to SCA and the region. Hoffman informed members that the King County Regional Homelessness Authority will conduct their annual Point-in-Time count from January 22 to February 2 and to stay tuned for a finalized volunteer application. Hoffman reported the results of board elections and thanked outgoing board members and outgoing PIC members.

6. 2024 PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on December 4, 2024 and recommended the election of the current PIC Vice Chair, Councilmember Chris Roberts,

Shoreline, as 2024 PIC Chair, and Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Covington, as 2024 PIC Vice Chair.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz, Des Moines, to elect Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, as 2024 PIC Chair and Joseph Cimaomo, Covington, as 2024 PIC Vice Chair. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported that the PIC Nominating Committee met on December 4 to make recommendations for appointment to SCA positions on regional boards and committees. He noted that vacancies remained for several committees and that SCA would be soliciting applications with the hope of filling those vacancies early in 2024.

Vice Chair Chris Roberts, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland, to recommend the SCA Board of Directors appoint 2024 Board and Committee representation as shown in Item 7 Attachment A. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. SCA State Legislative Priorities

SCA Policy Director Brian Parry reported on the draft SCA Legislative Priorities as recommended by the SCA Legislative Committee.

Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to approve the 2024 SCA Legislative Priorities as shown in Item 8 Attachment A. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. King County Climate Crisis Funding

SCA Policy Director reported on a request from the King County Council for the County Executive to develop proposals to generate \$1 billion in funding over the next six or nine year period to address reduce and mitigate climate change impacts. He said the SCA Board would be considering communicating to the County Executive, as they are reviewing the Council's request, to consider community concerns about tax burden and request the County Executive partner with cities in developing a response that considers future levy priorities.

Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond, said she appreciated the issue being brought forward and welcomed discussion of the many regional priorities competing for limited funding, such as affordable housing. She noted significant state and federal funding is recently available for climate related purposes.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, said that the work being proposed is important but that residents are overburdened by property taxes already.

Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland, said the City of Kirkland strongly supports efforts to combat climate change and mitigate its effects, and that the City believes addressing affordable housing could also be a part of the climate solution.

Deputy Mayor Amy Lam, Sammamish, agreed that property taxes are burdening residents and said she would like to see more information about how state and federal funds are being allocated.

10. 2024 City Outlook & Upcoming Issues

SCA Executive Director David Hoffman opened a roundtable discussion for members to share their city priorities for the coming year and to suggest issues SCA should be engaging with in the coming months.

1. Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 10:00 AM – Virtual

2. For the Good of the Order

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
December 13, 2023**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	James Jeyaraj
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Jeremy Barksdale
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Bothell	James McNeal	Rami Al-Kabra
Burien	Sofia Aragon	Cydney Moore
Carnation	Dustin Green	Jim Ribail
Clyde Hill	Marianne Klaas	Kim Muromoto
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo	Kristina Soltys
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Kent	Bill Boyce	
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	Amy Falcone
Lake Forest Park	Tom French	Lorri Bodi
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Dana Parnello
Medina	Mac Johnston	Jessica Rossman
Mercer Island	David Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Steve Peretti	Shanna Styron Sherrell
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Linda Newing
Normandy Park	Sue-Ann Hohimer	Eric Zimmerman
North Bend	Heather Koellen	
Pacific	Leanne Guier	Kerry Garberding
Redmond	Vanessa Kritzer	Angela Birney
Renton	Armondo Pavone	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Pam Stuart
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Kathy Hougardy
Woodinville	Mike Millman	Rachel Best-Campbell
Yarrow Point	Katy Harris	

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

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Attachment B: Chat Log

19:06:04 From Janice Zahn, Bellevue to Hosts and panelists:
I am here, Janice Zahn



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Item 6:
Legislative Update
DISCUSSION

SCA Staff Contact

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Update

PIC will be joined by Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Director of Government Relations Candice Bock, who will provide an update on the 2024 Washington State Legislative Session. Time will be allotted for questions and answers. Members are encouraged to provide any questions or topics of interest to SCA staff in advance of the meeting to help facilitate discussion.

Background

The 2024 Washington State Legislative Session began on January 8. The short, 60-day session will come to a close on March 7, 2024.

PIC will be joined at the February meeting by Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Director of Government Relations, Candice Bock, who will provide an update from midway through the session.

The latest information on AWC priority bills can be found on AWC’s weekly [Hot Sheet](#) and [bill tracker](#).

Session Cutoff Calendar

January 8	First Day of Session
February 5	Last day to pass bills out of committee in chamber of origin (except fiscal and Senate Transportation)
February 13	Last day to pass bills out of chamber of origin
February 21	Last day to pass opposite chamber bills out of committee (except fiscal and Senate Transportation)
February 26	Last day to pass opposite chamber fiscal and Senate Transportation bills out of committee

March 1 Last day to pass opposite chamber bills (except fiscal, initiatives, and resolving differences between chambers)

March 7 Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution

2024 SCA Legislative Agenda

The 2024 SCA Legislative Agenda as recommended by PIC, was approved by the SCA Board of Directors in December ([Attachment A](#)). Key priority areas identified by SCA members include addressing public safety, including resources to address auto theft and property crime, and to recruit and retain officers; promoting economic vitality and workforce development; addressing the behavioral health crisis; replacing the 1% property tax cap; increasing investment in local infrastructure; promoting housing affordability; and allocating state and federal funds to cities to prepare for and mitigate climate change impacts.

Next Steps

Questions or feedback can be provided to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry, brian@soundcities.org , 206-499-4159.

Sound Cities Association

2024 Legislative Agenda



Improve Public Safety

Increase tools and resources, including local taxing authority, to address auto theft and property crime and to support officer recruitment and retention.

Promote Economic Vitality

Increase support for community revitalization and workforce development programs in critical fields with hiring shortages.

Address the Behavioral Health Treatment Crisis

Increase the capacity of the crisis response system and fund local programs that connect individuals with needed care and diversion programs.

Support Sustainable Funding for Core Local Services

Replace the 1% cap on annual property increases with a limit tied to inflation and population growth and increasing flexibility for use of

Invest in Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility

Increase investment in the Public Works Assistance Account, honor commitments made in Move Ahead Washington, and provide local funding options with an emphasis on preservation and maintenance.

Promote Housing Affordability

Provide resources such as local option REET to assist cities with implementation of local affordable housing plans and recently adopted planning and zoning changes, and reduce the cost of regulations on housing production.

Mitigate and Prepare for Impacts of Climate Change

Allocate state and federal funding to cities to mitigate and prepare for the impacts of climate change, including responding to extreme

Legislative Guiding Principles

SCA adopts the following guiding principles through which all legislative proposals will be measured against:

- *Advance racial equity and social justice
- *Improve the social safety net
- *Make no unfunded mandates to cities
- *Preserve local decision-making authority
- *Honor commitments to shared revenues



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Item 7:
2024 PIC Meeting Schedule
ACTION ITEM

Potential Action

Approval of Resolution 2024-1, Setting the Public Issues Committee’s 2024 Meeting Schedule.

Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.6, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) “shall review and evaluate policy positions and recommend to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions.” These meetings are open to the public, and agendas are available on the SCA website. Pursuant to SCA Bylaw 4.17.7c, regular meetings of the PIC “shall be held monthly or as deemed necessary.”

In the interest of openness, accountability, and transparency, the PIC will adopt a meeting schedule by resolution at its first meeting of the year. This will enable all SCA members and the public to be aware of meeting dates.

The PIC typically meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The PIC is currently meeting remotely.

A resolution establishing the PIC meeting schedule for 2024 is included in [Attachment A](#) .

Sound Cities Association
Resolution 2024-1
2024 Public Issues Committee Schedule

WHEREAS, the Public Issues Committee (PIC) of the Sound Cities Association meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM to conduct the regular business of the Committee, unless otherwise stated; and

WHEREAS, the PIC will meet remotely unless otherwise stated;

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March 13
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June 12
July 10
(No meeting in August)
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION:

That the Public Issues Committee of the Sound Cities Association adopts the 2024 regular meeting schedule on specified Wednesdays as indicated.

ADOPTED BY THE PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION this 14th Day of February, 2024.

Chris Roberts, 2024 PIC Chair Date

Attest:

David Hoffman, SCA Executive Director Date

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Item 8:
Regional Board and Committee Appointments

ACTION

SCA Staff Contact

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PIC Nominating Committee Members

Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland, Chair (North Caucus); Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona (South Valley Caucus); Councilmember Amy McHenry, Duvall (Snoqualmie Valley Caucus)

The South Caucus position on the PIC Nominating Committee is currently vacant and will be appointed by the PIC Chair. PIC members interested in serving on the Nominating Committee are encouraged to contact SCA.

Action

To recommend the SCA Board of Directors approve appointments to represent SCA on regional boards and committees as recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee on February 5, 2024 and shown in [Attachment A](#).

Background

The PIC Nominating Committee met on February 5 and voted to recommend the committee appointments provided in Item 8 - Attachment A. If recommended by PIC, these appointment recommendations will be sent to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval.

The Nominating Committee consists of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus (South, North, South Valley, and Snoqualmie Valley) and is appointed annually by the Chair of the PIC to make recommendations to the PIC on appointments. The PIC in turn makes recommendations on regional board and committee appointments to the SCA Board of Directors.

Per SCA Bylaws, appointees to major regional committees shall be selected from among elected officials otherwise qualified to serve in such positions, in accordance with the terms of the enabling documents creating such boards and committees. Appointees shall represent the positions of all SCA member cities. Equitable geographic distribution shall be considered in recommending appointments to the Board of Directors.

On January 18, SCA staff sent a call for nominations for elected officials to fill vacant SCA positions on regional committees. At their meeting on February 5, the Nominating Committee recommended members to fill positions on the following committees:

- Domestic Violence Initiative Task Force

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force
- Growth Management Planning Council
- King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee

SCA did not receive enough applications to fill all committee vacancies available. The following positions remain open and members are encouraged to apply:

- Domestic Violence Initiative Task Force (2 Alternates)
- Joint Recommendations Committee (2 Alternates)
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC) (1 Alternate)

Committee Descriptions

Information on all of the regional boards and committees to which SCA has appointing authority, including members and committee descriptions, can be found on the SCA Website [here](#).

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force

The Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) Regional Task Force focuses on improving the effectiveness of the region’s legal response to domestic violence and improving operations that interfere with victim safety and offender accountability. The DVI Regional Task Force was formed by the King County Prosecuting Attorney and the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence (formerly the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence). The DVI Regional Task Force is comprised of leaders of organizations involved in our region’s legal response to domestic violence, including public health, community-based organizations, and civil and criminal justice agencies.

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Task Force

The Medic One/Emergency Medical Services levy will expire at the end of December 2025 and King County is preparing to place a levy reauthorization measure before voters that same year. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Task Force was formed to help develop the inter-jurisdictional agreement on an updated EMS Strategic Plan and determine the EMS levy length, rate, and election date of the ballot measure.

Growth Management Planning Council

The Growth Management Act (GMA), passed by the State Legislature in 1990, requires that counties and cities develop a collaborative set of framework policies to guide development of each jurisdiction's comprehensive plan. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is a body created by interlocal agreement to implement GMA requirements. The GMPC is made up of elected officials from King County, Seattle, Bellevue, other cities and towns in King County, and representatives of special purpose districts. The GMPC develops and updates the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in environment, housing, development patterns, economy, transportation, and public facilities and services.

Through the GMPC, jurisdictions within King County are working together to plan for economic and population growth in King County. Policies recommended by the GMPC require approval by the King County Council and ratification by King County cities before they become effective.

Joint Recommendations Committee

The Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) was created through Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICAs) that formed the King County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium and the King County HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Consortium. The JRC makes recommendations to the King County Executive on policy matters concerning the CDBG and HOME programs, including the Consolidated Housing Plan and related plans and policies. The JRC also reviews and makes recommendations on the projects and programs to be funded with the CDBG and HOME program funds and monitors funds to ensure that all geographic areas and participating jurisdictions benefit fairly over a specific time period.

A second ICA forms the Regional Affordable Housing Program (RAHP) and grants authority for the RAHP to the JRC. The RAHP administers document recording funding, which the legislature authorized to be utilized for low-income housing. The city of Seattle joins the JRC for RAHP items.

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee

The King County Flood Control District is a countywide special purpose district that provides funding and policy oversight for flood risk reduction capital projects and programs in King County. It is governed by a Board of Supervisors, comprised of the County Council members. The Flood Control District also has an Advisory Committee composed of elected officials from throughout King County. The King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC) is charged with making recommendations to the District's Board of Supervisors related to the annual budget, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels, subject to approval or approval and modification by the District Board of Supervisors.

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) in King County is a multi-jurisdictional program whose mission is to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality throughout King County by reducing the threat posed by the production, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials. The LHWMP is implemented through a multi-jurisdictional Management Coordination Committee (MCC). The MCC sets the Program's strategic direction, guides implementation of policies, and oversees the Program's operations, including development of annual budgets and work plans. The MCC was established by the Seattle City Council (SMC 10.76) and the King County Board of Health (BOH Code 2.08) and is recognized as the Program governing entity by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Next Steps

Recommendations from PIC will be considered by the SCA Board at its meeting on February 15. For more information, contact SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or 206-499-4159.

Item 8 – Attachment A:

PIC Nominating Committee Recommended Regional Board and Committee Appointments (2/5/2024)

Key

New Recommended Member or Alternate

Current SCA Appointees

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Hannah Hedrick	Tukwila	S
Alternate	(vacant)		
Alternate	(vacant)		

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Sean Kelly	Maple Valley	S
Member	Vic Cave	Pacific	SV
Member	Catherine Cotton	Snoqualmie	SNO

King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Syd Dawson	Maple Valley	S
Member	Salim Nice	Mercer Island	N
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S
Member	Kent Treen	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Larry Brown	Auburn	S
Alternate	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Suzan Torguson	North Bend	SNO

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Attachment 8.A: SCA Regional Boards and Committees Appointments

**Item 8 – Attachment A:
 PIC Nominating Committee Recommended Regional Board and Committee
 Appointments (2/5/2024)**

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member	Carol Benson	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Melanie O’Cain	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SNO
Alternate	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N



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Item 9:

King County Regional Homelessness Authority Updates

DISCUSSION

SCA Staff Contact

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SCA King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee (GC) Members:

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Mayor Angela Birney, Redmond; Council President Ed Prince, Renton

SCA King County Regional Homelessness Authority Implementation Board (IB) Members:

Nate Caminos; Dr. Damien Pattenaude

Discussion

PIC members will receive an update on recent and ongoing activities of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) and will have the opportunity to share information about homelessness response and needs in member cities.

KCRHA manages countywide homelessness crisis response and distributes public funds to organizations that provide services to people experiencing homelessness.

In 2023, KCRHA approved its first Five-Year Plan, commenced a nationwide search for its new CEO, and created a Governance Review Subcommittee to improve KCRHA’s oversight, accountability, and decision-making structure.

In early 2024, KCRHA appointed a new interim CEO, completed the Point-In-Time Count, and passed their 2024 final budget.

For the rest of 2024, KCRHA will complete their CEO search, subregional implementation plans, PIT data aggregation, Subcommittee final recommendations, new Collective Bargaining Agreements, the 2025 budget, and the interlocal agreement renewal.

Background

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) was established in late 2019, under an [interlocal agreement](#) (ILA) between King County and the City of Seattle. The original 5-year term of the ILA expires at the end of 2024, after which the agreement will automatically be renewed for an indefinite period or until it is terminated by Seattle and King County.

KCRHA manages the countywide homelessness crisis response and distributes public funds from the City of Seattle, King County, and Continuum of Care (CoC) funds from the federal

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to organizations that provide services to people experiencing homelessness.

The Governing Committee and Implementation Board oversee KCRHA. The Governing Committee provides high-level guidance and oversight, approves the budget and hires, fires, and reviews the performance of the CEO. The Implementation Board develops and recommends organizational goals, policies and plans to the Governing Committee, and ensures their implementation.

Interim CEO & CEO Search

The Governing Committee and Implementation Board recommended L. Darrell Powell to the interim CEO position in early 2024. Mr. Powell replaced Helen Howell who served as interim CEO for nine months.

KCRHA is currently conducting a national search for a permanent CEO. The job description is [posted](#) and active recruitment is underway through the search firm NPAG.

Point-In-Time Count

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a regional Unsheltered Point-In-Time (PIT) Count every two years. This is a count of the number of unhoused people across King County to help track demographics and illuminate year-over-year trends for the region. The data collected is used to inform HUD on funding needs for programs and services.

KCRHA conducted the PIT Count from January 22nd to February 2nd, 2024. More than 130 volunteers and KCRHA staff were on-site at 17 hub sites and collected more than 1,250 surveys from people living unsheltered in urban, suburban, and rural areas across King County. KCRHA is currently working with researchers at the University of Washington to analyze the data from the survey sample. Final results will be available and submitted to HUD in the Spring.

Governance Review Subcommittee

In July 2023, the Governance Review Subcommittee was created to develop recommendations for immediate and medium-term actions to improve KCRHA's oversight, accountability, and decision-making structure.

The Subcommittee held four working sessions between August and October, as well as one-on-one meetings between the consultant and each Subcommittee member. The following action themes were identified in these discussions:

1. Strengthen current governance structure;
2. Increase meaningful input and decision making with better IB/GC supports;
3. Improve understanding of KCRHA's work; and,
4. Improve policy and program alignment.

Some detailed improvements include:

- Clarity on the role and responsibilities of all parties and how those intersect (Implementation Board, Governing Committee, subcommittees, Lived Experience Coalition, KCRHA leadership and staff, etc.);
- Stronger coordination between parties through regular updates and clear goals; and,
- Greater understanding of internal KCRHA processes, program policies and regional discussions.

Following the work of the Subcommittee, the Governing Committee and Implementation Board amended the KCRHA Bylaws to accomplish consistency with the ILA, member accountability, and role clarity.

Collective Bargaining Agreements

In February, the Implementation Board and Governing Committee will vote on the two collective bargaining agreements between KCRHA and the Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17 (“Union”). The first agreement is between KCRHA and the Union’s Supervisors Bargaining Unit. The second agreement is between KCRHA and the Union’s Nonsupervisors Bargaining Unit. Both agreements require that the Union is the exclusive bargaining representative for all full-time and regular part-time supervisory and nonsupervisory employees employed by KCRHA. If approved, these agreements take effect immediately and are in effect through December 31, 2025.

Subregional Implementation Plans

In 2023, KCRHA approved its first [Five-Year Plan](#) and is now working on subregional implementation plans, which will provide additional detail on how KCRHA will implement various activities in each geographic subregion. Each subregional implementation plan will include additional details on 30 activities included in the five-year plan, how they will be tailored to each subregion, and specific outcomes expected from each activity.

The 30 activities included in subregional implementation plans include the following themes:

- Severe weather
- Capacity building
- Outreach
- Families with children
- Youth and young adults
- Temporary housing and shelter

The implementation plans will also include an analysis of the existing service landscape in each subregion, gaps in services, and a review of current resources and investments in homelessness services. Draft implementation plans will be available in the Spring.

Budget Planning.

The Implementation Board and the Governing Committee approved KCRHA’s \$224.4 million operating budget for 2024. The majority of KCRHA’s budget goes to contracted non-profit service providers. KCRHA has begun the 2025 budget development process, and a timeline and

overview of the process will be presented to the Implementation Board at its February meeting, with Budget Committee meetings beginning shortly thereafter. In addition, KCRHA is participating in a budget reduction exercise as requested by Seattle's City Budget Office. That exercise is a scenario planning tool to help Seattle evaluate how it will approach its 2025 budget, and it is separate from KCRHA's own budget development process.

2024 Media Clips

- [Why King County homeless count continues, even with accuracy in doubt](#) , Seattle Times (2/8/24)
- [After monthslong wait, Bellevue has operator for safe parking program](#) , Seattle Times (2/6/24)
- [Criminalization of homelessness is cruel, costly, and ineffective](#) , Seattle Times (1/31/24)
- [KCRHA board recommends new Interim CEO](#) , Seattle Times (1/29/24)
- [What to watch on homeless issues in 2024](#) , National Alliance to End Homelessness (1/24/24)
- [Cold weather emergency highlights homelessness system's flaws](#) , Seattle Times (1/23/24)
- [Approach to homelessness is in the Supreme Court's hands](#) , Seattle Times (1/18/24)
- [The formula that's working to prevent youth homelessness](#) , Seattle Times (1/17/24)
- [At least 5 people died from hypothermia in the extreme cold](#) , KUOW (1/17/24)
- [Tukwila church tries to keep asylum-seekers warm with little help](#) , Seattle Times (1/12/24)
- [Services are limited for an aging homeless population](#) , Seattle Times (1/11/24)
- [Unhoused people sue Burien over new homeless camping law](#) , Seattle Times (1/3/24)

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February 14, 2024
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 10:
PIC Orientation and New Member Welcome
DISCUSSION

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Discussion

At the February 14, 2024 Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting we will devote a portion of the agenda to a “PIC 101” workshop. This information is geared toward new PIC members, but we believe it will also be helpful for experienced PIC members, as well as for other SCA members who want to learn more about how SCA and the PIC function. All SCA city members are invited (and encouraged) to attend.

Background

The SCA Bylaws provide that SCA shall have a Public Issues Committee (PIC), “which shall review and evaluate policy positions and recommend to the Board what, if any, action should be taken on such policy positions.” Membership consists of one member and one alternate from each SCA city, each of whom must hold an elective office in the city or town they represent. Each city has an equal vote on the PIC, regardless of size.

Per the SCA bylaws, fifty-one percent of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the committee and the vote of two thirds (2/3) represented in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the advancement of a public policy position to the SCA Board. In general, when taking a policy position, issues will be first heard at one meeting for discussion and may return no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting for action. If not immediately addressing a policy issue renders SCA unable to take a position on a timely basis, 85% of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting may declare an issue an emergency and the issue may be discussed and voted upon at the same meeting.

SCA representatives serving on regional boards and committees shall endeavor to avoid taking positions that are harmful to any SCA member cities. SCA appointees shall follow the following protocols when serving on regional boards and committees:

- 1) When the PIC & Board adopt a public policy position, it shall be binding on SCA representatives serving on regional boards and committees;

2) In the absence of such a position, the SCA caucus of a given board or committee shall attempt to develop a caucus position that represents the consensus of the caucus, based (where applicable) on existing SCA policy positions;

3) Where no policy position has been adopted by the PIC and Board, and the caucus is unable to reach a consensus position, individual members shall be free to vote their conscience, with the caveat that no SCA representative to a regional board or committee shall vote in a manner that is at odds with an adopted SCA policy position.

The adopted Operating Policies of the PIC provide that “The PIC shall not make policy recommendations to the Board of Directors that are divisive among the members of SCA. ‘Divisive’ is defined as ‘creating disunity or dissension’ among SCA member jurisdictions. SCA shall not take policy positions that are harmful to the interests of any member city, even if favored by a supermajority of members.

At the PIC 101 presentation, staff will present information to help members understand how the PIC functions, including best practices on how to get the most out of PIC.

Resources

- A. [PIC Operating Policies](#)
- B. [SCA Bylaws](#)
- C. [SCA Board Policies](#)



February 14, 2024
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Item 11:
Potential Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County
UPDATE

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Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2024	February	Renton (Voter Initiative)	Initiative requiring certain employers to pay a minimum wage based on that established by the City of Tukwila and requiring hours be offered to existing part-time employees before new hiring or subcontracting (among other requirements).

Future Ballot Measures – Other Jurisdictions, Schools, and Special Purpose Districts			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2024	February	Auburn SD	Educational programs and operations levy
2024	February	Tahoma SD	Educational programs and operations levy
2024	February	Tahoma SD	Technology and capital projects levy
2024	February	Tukwila SD	Educational programs and operations levy
2024	February	Tukwila SD	Technology and capital projects levy
2024	February	Vashon Island SD	Capital levy for safety, security, and technology improvements

Potential Future Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2024		Enumclaw	Community center levy

Potential Future Ballot Measures – Other Jurisdictions and Special Purpose Districts			
Year	Month	Jurisdiction	Measure
2024		King County	Automated Fingerprint Identification System levy renewal
2024		Seattle	Transportation Levy renewal (“Move Seattle”)
2025		King County	Parks levy renewal
2025		King County	EMS levy renewal
2027		King County	Best Starts for Kids levy renewal
TBD		King County	Housing levy
TBD		King County	Transit levy
TBD		King County	Climate resiliency levy lid lift

Next Steps

The next election will be held on February 13, 2024. The last day to file a resolution placing a measure on the April 23 ballot is February 23, 2024. SCA members are encouraged to send information about any levies or ballot measures under consideration by your city or that will impact SCA cities to SCA Policy Director Brian Parry at brian@soundcities.org or (206) 499-4159.