



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

December 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Virtual

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Public Issues Committee (PIC) Vice Chair Joeseeph Cimaomo, Covington, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 24 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Deputy Mayor Laura Mork, Shoreline; Katie Halse, Bellevue Staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond Staff; Eric Perry, Renton Staff; Ali Blum, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD); Brian Halverson, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD); Patti Lui, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD); John Walsh, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD); Pat McLaughlin, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD); Tania Mondaca, King County Council Staff; John Taylor, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks; Phillip Schmidt-Pathmann, Institute for Energy and Resource Management; and Zach Dugovich, Pacific Public Affairs.

Vice Chair Cimaomo noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes.

2. Public Comment

PIC Vice Chair Cimaomo asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment.

Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann from the Institute for Energy and Resource Management (IeRM) provided a memo that was shared with PIC members ahead of the meeting. Schmidt-Pathmann urged PIC members to review the memo detailing IeRM's concerns with the County's proposed alternatives for the handling of municipal solid waste going forward, and objections and disagreements with both the methodology and the conclusions of the Long-Term Disposal Study. Schmidt-Pathmann noted that IeRM will be presenting their detailed report to individual city councils in the coming months.

There was no further public comment and this item was closed.

3. Approval of the November 13, 2024 PIC Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Cimaomo asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the November 13, 2024 SCA PIC meeting.

The motion was moved by Tracy Taylor, Auburn and was seconded, to approve the November 13, 2024, PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

In the interest of time, Vice Chair Cimaomo moved to the next item on the agenda.

5. Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Carl Cole updated PIC having a quorum for both caucus meetings this week on Thursday and Friday (December 12 and 13) for Board elections.

Cole shared that updates regarding recruitment for the position of permanent Executive Director will continue to be shared as available.

6. PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election

PIC Vice Chair Cimaomo asked for any comments or questions regarding the election the 2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair. Following discussion, the PIC made the following action:

Mayor Kelli Curtis, Kirkland moved, seconded by Mayor Sean Kelly, Maple Valley to elect Chris Roberts, Shoreline as 2025 SCA PIC Chair, and Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington as 2025 SCA PIC Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Regional Board and Committee Appointments

SCA Chief Operating Officer, Leah Willoughby, presented the board and committee appointments as recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee, and asked for any questions.

Mayor Nigel Herbig, Kenmore moved, seconded by Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond, to recommend to the SCA Board appointments to Regional Boards and Committees as provided in the meeting materials packet, including finding of extraordinary circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit for the following appointments:

- **Marli Larimer, Kent as member to the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services**
- **Nancy Backus, Auburn as member to the Greater Seattle Partners**
- **Dana Ralph, Kent as member to the PSRC Transportation Policy Board**
- **Angela Birney, Redmond as member to the Regional Policy Committee**

The motion passed unanimously.

8. King County Long-Term Waste Disposal Options

King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) staff members presented the results of the Long-Term Waste Disposal study, which examined five options for waste disposal following the closure of the regional landfill: waste export by rail, mass burn, gasification, pyrolysis, and refuse-derived fuel. The latter three are no longer being considered. The Solid Waste Division will schedule briefings with cities throughout 2025, and the final environmental and impact study will be ready by the end of 2026. Recommendations to the King County Executive will be made in early 2027. SWD answered questions from members.

9. 2025 SCA Legislative Agenda

SCA policy staff Andie Parnell and Aj Foltz presented the draft SCA 2025 Legislative Agenda and requested input and direction from PIC members on its content, format, and preferred methods for receiving updates from staff during the legislative session.

Questions and comments presented and addressed included:

- Climate issues as a priority
- Support for SCA Guiding Principles to be included in agenda, and wording of this section of the agenda
- Affordable housing unit policies
- Listing SCA cities within agenda
- Monthly PIC updates from SCA staff
- Addition of transportation security
- Alternative language for the 1% property tax item

The SCA Board will review the legislative agenda and PIC revisions at their December 18 meeting. It will then be brought back to PIC for action at the January 8, 2025 meeting, to recommend final approval by the Board at their January 15, 2025 meeting.

10. Upcoming Issues

Interim Executive Director Carl Cole noted that SCA is planning to distribute a survey to SCA members in 2025. Cole also noted that 2025 will be a long state legislative session.

Interim Executive Director Cole also asked for members to share priorities for their cities and provide input on regional issues that will be important for SCA to be engaged with in the coming year, and also to indicate their cities' 2025 PIC representative will be, if that information is available.

The group held a roundtable discussion. There was no action to report.

11. Levies and Ballot Measures

PIC Vice Chair Cimaomo asked members for any future or potential levies and ballot measures in their cities. Cities were encouraged to share their respective levies and ballot issues with SCA staff.

12. For the Good of the Order

Interim Executive Director Carl Cole introduced SCA's new policy analyst, Laura Belmont.

There were no further items for the good of the order.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	David White
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Dave Hamilton
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	Kristiana de Leon
Bothell	Carston Curd	Rami Al-Kabra
Burien	Kevin Schilling	
Carnation	Jim Ribail	
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	Lorri Bodi	Tracy Furutani
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	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Suzan Torguson
Pacific	Kerry Garberding	Vic Kave
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Osman Salahuddin
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Sid Gupta
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	none
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Tosh Sharp	Jovita McConnell
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	

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