



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

*Councilmembers: Julia Patterson, Chair; Jane Hague, Vice
Chair;
Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert,
Joe McDermott, Larry Phillips,
Pete von Reichbauer*

*Staff: John Resha, Lead Staff (206-296-1658)
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9:30 AM

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Room 1001

Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this Committee of the Whole committee 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.

1. **Call to Order**

The Metropolitan King County Council's Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Chair Julia Patterson.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 8 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Gossett moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2012 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. **[Proposed Motion No. 2013-0104](#)**

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a vacant judicial position in the northeast division of King County district court.

Sponsors: Ms. Patterson

Chair Patterson offered remarks on the appointment process to be followed during the meeting.

Nick Wagner, Council Staff, briefed the committee on the process of filling a vacant

judicial position in the Northeast Division of King County District Court. Erin Overbey, Co-chair, King County Bar Association's Judicial Screening Committee, offered remarks on the King County Bar Association screening process and answered questions from the members.

Each candidate was asked the following questions by councilmembers:

- 1. What do you think are the most important issues facing King County District Court?*
- 2. What do you believe re the causes of the relatively high rate of minority incarceration?*
- 3. What are the critical skills or character traits that make an outstanding judge and why?*

The candidates were given two minutes to respond to each question and then three minutes to offer closing remarks. The candidates appeared in the following order:

- Enrico Leo*
- Richard L. Mitchell*
- Kara Murphy*
- John L. O'Brien*
- Lisa Napoli O'Toole*
- Mychal Schwartz*
- Ketu Shah*

This item was expedited to the King County Council's March 11, 2013 meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gossett that this Motion be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature