



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee**

STAFF REPORT

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| Agenda Item: | 4 | Name: | Nick Bowman |
| Proposed No.: | 2023-0045 | Date: | February 14, 2023 |

SUBJECT

A Motion confirming the executive's appointment of Troy Olmsted to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network joint board, as an alternate for the King County primary representative.

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2015, King County voters approved a nine-year, \$273 million property tax levy to fund the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network project (PSERN). PSERN, once completed, will replace and upgrade the County's existing emergency radio communications system.

Under the terms of the PSERN Implementation Interlocal Agreement (Implementation ILA), King County is responsible for leading and implementing the PSERN project on behalf of the four owners of the current emergency radio network¹ through completion of the project. Oversight during the implementation period is being conducted by the PSERN Joint Board ("Joint Board").

The composition and duties of the Joint Board are detailed in the Implementation ILA. Specifically, the Joint Board is composed of one non-voting chair (the Executive or the Executive's designee) and four voting representatives as follows: one (1) representative from King County, one (1) representative from the city of Seattle, one (1) representative from the EPSCA cities (Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Redmond) and one (1) representative from the ValleyCom cities (Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton and Tukwila). Under the terms of the Implementation ILA, the four voting members of the Joint Board may appoint two additional non-voting participants: a chief of a police agency and a chief of a fire agency.

Ordinance 18075, which authorized the Executive to enter into the Implementation ILA, requires the Executive to transmit to the Council the appointees for the primary and alternate King County representative positions to the Joint Board for confirmation by Council motion.

¹ The existing system is owned in equal shares by King County, the city of Seattle, Valley Communications Center (ValleyCom), and the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA).

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Chief Troy Olmsted has served King County for 25 years and has 34 years of law enforcement experience. Chief Olmsted holds an Executive Level Law Enforcement Certification for Washington State and is a FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Trilogy Graduate.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2023-0045 (attachments available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letter