## STAFF REPORT

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**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motions to confirm the appointment of the following individuals to the King County Children and Youth Advisory Board:

* **Carol Goertzel**, who resides in Council District 8, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[1]](#footnote-1)
* **Cindy Elizalde**, who resides in Council District 8, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[2]](#footnote-2)
* **Donald Felder**, who resides in Council District 2, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[3]](#footnote-3)
* **Dwane Chappelle**, who resides in Council District 2, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[4]](#footnote-4)
* **Maria Fernanda Martinez-Novoa**, who resides in Council District 7, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[5]](#footnote-5)
* **Kendrick Glover**, who resides in Council District 5, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[6]](#footnote-6)
* **Yolanda Trout**, who resides in Council District 7, for a partial term to expire on January 31, 2023[[7]](#footnote-7)
* **Frida Hernandez-Perez**, who resides in Council District 8, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[8]](#footnote-8)
* **Jack Edgerton**, who resides in Council District 4, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[9]](#footnote-9)
* **Toyia Taylor**, who resides in Council District 5, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[10]](#footnote-10)
* **Jackie Jainga-Hyllseth**, who resides in Council District 2, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[11]](#footnote-11)
* **Lidiya Gebre**, who resides in Council District 5, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[12]](#footnote-12)
* **James Lovell**, who resides in Council District 5, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[13]](#footnote-13)
* **Nicole Herron**, who works in Council District 8, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[14]](#footnote-14)
* **Erin Lee**, who resides in Council District 2, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2025[[15]](#footnote-15)

**BACKGROUND**

**History.** The Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB) was established by Ordinance 18217 at the recommendation of the King County Youth Action Plan (YAP) adopted by Motion 14378. The goal of the CYAB is to improve the health and well-being of children and youth by utilizing a collective impact model[[16]](#footnote-16) to implement strategies that focus on prevention and early intervention. The CYAB consists of researchers and community leaders who serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive and Council to:

* Assist King County policymakers as they consider outcomes, policies, and investments for children, families, youth and young adults; and
* Serve as the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) children and youth strategies oversight and advisory body, including making recommendations on and monitoring the distributions of levy proceeds described in the levy ordinance (Ordinance 19267).[[17]](#footnote-17)

**Membership.** King County Code directs that the Board’s composition must meet the following criteria:

* Consist of no more than forty members, at least five of whom must be no more than 24 years of age[[18]](#footnote-18);
* Be comprised of a “wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives”; and
* Be appointed by the Executive and confirmed by Council.

In accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.006, youth members of the board (ages 24 or younger) who are neither County employees nor employees of other municipal government receive compensation (monthly stipend), and the Board is required to provide support to enable youth members to earn service-learning hours and community service hours for their participation on the Board, where participation so qualifies.

**General Responsibilities.**

* Make recommendations to the Executive and Council regarding children and youth services, consistent with the recommendations in the Youth Action Plan;
* Review King County outcomes and data, recommend improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong data collection and indicator protocols;
* Assist the Executive and Council with the comprehensive review and analysis of King County government's programs, services and outcomes for children, families, youth, and young adults for alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth, and young adults;
* Recommend policy, budget, and other findings to the Executive and the Council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth, and young adults;
* Participate with, track and report on efforts of partnerships, coalitions and networks throughout the region to inform the development of an aligned, region wide response that leads to improved outcomes;
* Adopt rules governing its operations; and
* Be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.

Additionally, consistent with a collective impact model, the Board is required to:

* Review and advise the Executive and the Council on emerging and evolving best and promising practices to improve the health and well-being of children and youth;
* Coordinate with other county boards and groups including, but not limited to, the steering committee to address juvenile justice disproportionality, the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Advisory Committee, the VSHSL Advisory Board[[19]](#footnote-19);
* Serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved in improving the health and well-being of children and youth; and
* Coordinate and share information with other related external efforts and groups.

**BSK-Specific Responsibilities.** The Board’s responsibilities for the Best Starts for Kids children and youth strategies outlined in the BSK implementation plan include the following duties:

* Advise on development of indicators and targets for BSK children and youth strategies;
* Monitor the distribution of levy proceeds;
* Work in collaboration with Executive staff on any recommended changes to the children and youth strategies in the BSK implementation plan; and
* Consult on and review annual reports to the Council and community that demonstrate transparency regarding the expenditure of levy proceeds and the effectiveness of BSK children and youth strategies in meeting the goals and outcomes established in the Ordinance 19267.

Of note, the Board is authorized to establish standing and ad hoc work groups focusing on specific components of children and youth services and BSK strategies.

**APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

**Carol Goertzel** is a former executive director and current member of the Vashon Youth and Family Services Board and has over 35 years of experience building, with others, agencies and programs that target low-income and diverse women, children and families. According to her application materials, Ms. Goertzel is also an active participant in the King County Alliance for Human Services.

**Cindy Elizalde** is the Early Learning Director and Secretary/Treasurer for SEIU 925 and, according to her application materials, she has professional knowledge of early learning issues across the state that align with the CYAB’s mission.

**Donald Felder** is a retired educator, community advocate and school consultant with extensive professional and community experience in King County. Also noted in Dr. Felder’s application materials is his work as an educational specialist for ten years, with Casey Family programs, negotiating special education service agreement with districts in the county’s region. Additionally, he currently serves with two elementary schools in the Central and Mount Baker areas teaching youth, coaching teachers, and does so while engaging the schools’ community in plans to support a welcoming and safe school environment.

**Dwane Chappelle** is the Director of the City of Seattle’s Department of Education and Early Learning. Mr. Chappelle was reappointed and unanimously reconfirmed as the department’s director for a second four-year term by the City Council in September 2020, following an initial four-year term. Of note, Mr. Chappelle would serve as the City of Seattle’s representative to the Board.

**Maria Fernanda Martinez Novoa** is a Family Navigator Lead at Childhaven. As indicated in her application materials, in her current role as a Family Navigator lead, Ms. Martinez Novoa is part of a cross-team collaboration that has afforded her the opportunity to use her professional skills and insight to help families in overcoming systemic barriers and support them in connecting to needed resources.

**Kendrick Glover** is the Executive Director for Glover Empowerment Mentoring (GEM). As indicated in his application materials, Mr. Glover has more than 15 years of professional experience and extensive community involvement with issues relating to juvenile justice and social equity.

**Yolanda Trout** serves as a member of the Auburn City Council and as indicated in her application materials, she has a degree and professional experience in early learning. Councilmember Trout was recommended for appointment to the CYAB by the Sound Cities Association.

**Frida Hernandez-Perez** is a student at Kennedy Catholic High School in Burien. As indicated in her application materials, she is deeply committed to engaging with community and learning as much as she can about government and politics so that she can ensure those in her community are seen, heard, and respected. As further indicated, she aims to attend college and become a public defense attorney specializing in immigration justice issues.

**Jack Edgerton** is the Executive Director for Eastside Baby Corner. According to his application materials, Mr. Edgerton has served on numerous community boards and commissions and currently is the Chair of a national organization, Circle of Parents, that works to increase resilience in families, prevent child abuse and neglect and support all caregivers as they raise strong, healthy children.

**Toyia Taylor** is the Executive Director and founder of We Act. Present. Perform. (We.APP), whose Speak With Purpose program/public speaking course engages over 375 scholars across seven Seattle Public Schools, many from underserved communities in South Seattle who are categorized or identify as LGBTQIA+, English-Language learners, immigrants, unique learners, and/or foster youth. According to her application materials, Ms. Taylor has worked in her community as a youth advocate, teacher and artist for more than 30 years.

**Jackie Jainga Hyllseth** is the Executive Director for the Associated Recreation Council in Seattle. According to her application materials, Ms. Hyllseth has more than 30 years of youth development and non-profit and system building experience. As further noted, her professional experience includes leading the development of the Washington State Youth Program Quality Initiative, the Washington State Child and Youth Development Core Competencies and the Washington State Quality Standards. Additionally, she has been involved with several national youth development organizations as a thought partner and trainer at conferences.

**Lidiya Gebre** is an Education Programs Manager for African Community Housing & Development, a non-profit organization that serves South King County’s African Diaspora immigrant and refugee community. Additionally, Ms. Gebre also works as a nursing assistant in a senior assisted living house. According to her application materials, outside of work, Ms. Gebre leads a youth healing project called Safe Spaces, which aims to destigmatize mental health and build healthier BIPOC communities by educating and equipping youth with information about mental health.

**James Lovell** is a Development Director for Chief Seattle Club. As noted in his application materials, Mr. Lovell has spent most of his life in Seattle working in the Native and Immigrant/Refugee community. His professional experience includes working directly with immigrant and refugee youth for seven years at VFA (now Kandelia) where he was a member of the team that developed the Seattle World School model. As further indicated, he later worked for School’s Out Washington, where he worked to build the quality improvement system in King County.

**Nicole Herron** is the Pre-K to 8 Program Director for Treehouse. As indicated in her application materials, Ms. Herron has worked the last ten years developing programs that provide financial and material resources and academic support to children, youth and young adults ages 0-24.

**Erin Lee** is a Family Engagement Program Manager for Child Care Resources (CCR), where she oversees their early learning and child care-focused intensive case management program for families experiencing homelessness in Washington. Additionally, she oversees CCR’s early navigation services provided directly to families at the Allen Family Center. As indicated in her application materials, Ms. Lee has worked over the past eight years in collaboration with other community champions in the State of Ohio and across King County to increase access to early learning and public health resources.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments which appear to be consistent with King County Code requirements. There are three vacant seats on the board according to the board profile transmitted with the proposed motions.

**AMENDMENT**

There is a technical amendment, and corresponding title amendment, for Proposed Motion 2022-0086 to correct a typo in the body and the title of the transmitted motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2022-0071
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2022-0072
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Proposed Motion 2022-0073
6. Transmittal Letter
7. Proposed Motion 2022-0074
8. Transmittal Letter
9. Proposed Motion 2022-0075
10. Transmittal Letter
11. Proposed Motion 2022-0076
12. Transmittal Letter
13. Proposed Motion 2022-0079
14. Transmittal Letter
15. Proposed Motion 2022-0080
16. Transmittal Letter
17. Proposed Motion 2022-0081
18. Transmittal Letter
19. Proposed Motion 2022-0082
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21. Proposed Motion 2022-0083
22. Transmittal Letter
23. Proposed Motion 2022-0084
24. Transmittal Letter
25. Proposed Motion 2022-0085
26. Transmittal Letter
27. Proposed Motion 2022-0086
28. Transmittal Letter
29. Amendment 1
30. Title Amendment T1
31. Proposed Motion 2022-0091
32. Transmittal Letter
33. Board Profile

1. Proposed Motion 2022-0071 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Proposed Motion 2022-0072 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Proposed Motion 2022-0073 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Proposed Motion 2022-0074 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Proposed Motion 2022-0075 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Proposed Motion 2022-0076 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Proposed Motion 2022-0079 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Proposed Motion 2022-0080 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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14. Proposed Motion 2022-0086 [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Proposed Motion 2022-0091 [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. “Collective impact” is defined in County Code to mean “a process for achieving meaningful and sustainable progress on complex social issues that involves convening stakeholders across sectors and communities, who share a common vision and a shared agenda for assuring accountability and measuring results”. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. The Communities of Opportunity-BSK Advisory Board serves as the oversight body for the COO portion of the BSK levy. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Per Ordinance 19397, required youth representation on the Board has increased from at least three to at least five youth members. The board profile transmitted with the proposed motions notes the youth representatives to the Board. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. The Code inadvertently references the initial VHSL oversight bodies, which were subsequently consolidated as a single advisory board (the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Advisory Board) for the current VSHSL. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)