## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 5 & 6 | **Name:** | Miranda Leskinen |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0187 & 2019-0189 | **Date:** | September 17, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed motions confirming the appointments of Alan J. McClure and Yordanos Teferi to the Communities of Opportunity – Best Starts for Kids Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY**

The Best Starts for Kids levy Ordinance 18088 and subsequent Ordinances 18220, 18373, and 18442,[[1]](#footnote-1) collectively set the framework for and establish the membership requirements, appointment process and duties for the Communities of Opportunity – Best Starts for Kids (COO-BSK) Advisory Board. Ordinance 18442 codified the board in K.C.C. 2A.300.520. Of the board positions listed in K.C.C. 2A.300.520, 10-14 of the positions, depending on the size of the board, are required to be appointed by the Executive and are subject to Council confirmation by motion. Two positions are subject to appointment by the Seattle Foundation and have no Council confirmation process. One position, the Executive representative, is subject to appointment by the Executive and Council confirmation by ordinance. And one position, the Council representative, is subject to Council appointment and confirmation by ordinance.

Proposed Motions 2019-0187 and 2019-0189 would confirm the following appointments to the COO-BSK Advisory Board:

* Alan J. McClure, as a community-based partnerships representative to the Board (SeaTac/Tukwila)
* Yordanos Teferi, as a community-based partnerships representative to the Board (Rainier Valley)

**BACKGROUND**

Ordinance 18088[[2]](#footnote-2) approved placing before King County voters a ballot measure authorizing a six-year property tax levy to support Best Starts for Kids (BSK), a prevention-oriented regional plan to support the healthy development of children and youth, families and communities across the county. The measure was approved by King County voters on November 3, 2015. Ordinance 18088 identified the Communities of Opportunity (COO) Interim Governance Group (IGG) as the advisory body for BSK levy proceeds set aside for the COO initiative, and directed the executive to transmit a plan relating to the COO IGG and a proposed ordinance that identified the composition and duties of the IGG with respect to the COO portion of the BSK levy proceeds.[[3]](#footnote-3)

Ordinance 18220[[4]](#footnote-4) identified the composition and duties of the IGG with respect to BSK levy proceeds, as required by Ordinance 18088, and directed that the IGG “shall serve as the advisory body for the communities of opportunity elements of the best starts for kids levy as set forth in Ordinance 18088 until a successor group is established by ordinance.”

Ordinance 18442 established the successor to the IGG and codified, in King County Code Chapter 2A.300.520, the membership requirements for, term limits, and duties of the COO-Best Starts for Kids Levy Advisory Board (COO-BSK Advisory Board).[[5]](#footnote-5)

**ANALYSIS**

**Proposed Motion 2019-0187** would confirm the appointment of Alan J. McClure, as the SeaTac/Tukwila community-based partnerships representative, to the Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board. Mr. McClure is the Deputy Director of Global to Global[[6]](#footnote-6) and, as indicated in his application materials, has over 15 years of experience working in communities and populations affected by racial, social and systemic inequity. He resides in Council District Five and, if confirmed, would be appointed for a partial term board appointment expiring May 31, 2020.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0189** would confirm the appointment of Yordanos Teferi, as the Rainier Valley community-based partnerships representative, to the Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board. Ms. Teferi serves as Board Chair of the Eritrean Community in Seattle and Vicinity, as well as Chair for the Multicultural Community Coalition (MCC)[[7]](#footnote-7). Additionally, as indicated in her application materials, Ms. Teferi has extensive academic and professional experience working with communities and organizations on equity and social justice issues impacting vulnerable communities. She resides in Council District Five and, if confirmed, would be appointed for a two-year term board appointment expiring May 31, 2021.

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments. These appointees fulfill the general membership requirements of King County Code 2A.300.520.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2019-0187
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2019-0189
4. Transmittal Letter
1. Ordinance 18442 amended KCC Chapter 2A.300 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Adopted July 20, 2015 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ordinance 18088 also required the establishment of an oversight and advisory body for the remainder of BSK levy proceeds. Pursuant to this requirement, Ordinance 18217 (adopted January 11, 2016) created the Children and Youth Advisory Board. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Adopted January 19, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The Best Start for Kids Implementation plan, adopted by Ordinance 18373, describes additional participation requirements of the COO-BSK Advisory Board in deliverables such as the Performance and Evaluation Measurement Plan and Annual Reporting. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Global to Local, as indicated on its website, help organizations and agencies provide targeted, community-led solutions to address health disparities in local communities. As further indicated, the organization in 2010 launched the first of several pilot programs designed to specifically meet the needs of communities in SeaTac and Tukwila. GlobalToLocal URL: <https://www.globaltolocal.org>. Last accessed on 9/12/19. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. The MCC is a group of eight immigrant and refugee-serving community organizations in Southeast Seattle. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)