## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Items:** | 5, 6, 7, 8 | **Name:** | Terra Rose |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0339  2019-0341  2019-0366  2019-0367 | **Date:** | October 7, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

**Proposed Motion 2019-0339** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Lee Eric Momon, who resides in District 2, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a citizen representative, for a term to expire on September 30, 2021.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0341** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Heather Trim, who resides in District 4, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from the recycling industry, for a term to expire on September 30, 2020.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0366** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Robin Freedman, who resides in District 1, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from the solid waste management industry, for a term to expire on September 30, 2022.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0367** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of James Borsum, who resides in District 7, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from a bargaining unit representing the greatest number of Solid Waste Division employees (Teamsters Local 117), for a term to expire on September 30, 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

State law (R.C.W. 70.95.165) requires each county to establish a local solid waste advisory committee to assist in the development of programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal, and to review and comment upon proposed rules, policies, or ordinances prior to adoption.

The King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was established in 1984 (K.C.C. 10.28) to advise and make recommendations to the County Executive and the Council relating to:

* All aspects of solid waste management planning;
* The development of programs and policies concerning solid waste management;
* Solid waste management rules, policies or ordinances prior to their adoption; and
* The development of programs and policies that will establish, enhance and assure utilization of methods for reusing materials which would otherwise be disposed, and in particular to promote use of products manufactured from recycled materials.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee is composed of at least nine and not more than 20 members. Membership is comprised of interested citizens, local elected officials, and representatives from public interest groups, businesses, the waste management industry, the recycling industry, manufacturers located in King County, and marketing and education interests. King County Code requires that members shall include one representative from each of the two bargaining units representing the greatest number of Solid Waste Division employees, as well as at least one representative who resides within a mile of the property boundaries of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

Nominees are appointed by the Executive and subject to confirmation by the Council. Members serve a term of three years or until their successor is appointed and confirmed. Vacancies are filled for the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Candidates

**Proposed Motion 2019-0339** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Lee Eric Momon, who lives in District 2, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a citizen representative, for a term to expire on September 30, 2021. Mr. Momon has worked for Seattle Public Utilities since 2014 as a Solid Waste Operations Manager. His application notes that he has spent the last 11 years of his career focused on managing waste disposal and processing in both the public sector (City of Seattle, King County Solid Waste Division)and private sector (Waste Management).

**Proposed Motion 2019-0341** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Heather Trim, who lives in District 4, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from the recycling industry, for a term to expire on September 30, 2020. Ms. Trim’s application notes that she has been the Executive Director of Zero Waste Washington since 2016 and that Zero Waste Washington works to reduce waste, improve recycling, and remove toxic chemicals from products through policy advocacy and supporting community programs and pilot projects. Her application further states that she has been involved in waste reduction since 2006 and has worked on single-use plastic ordinances, a study of commercial recycling, and waste prevention education.

Ms. Trim’s financial disclosure form notes that Zero Waste Washington is a recipient of a King County WaterWorks grant[[1]](#footnote-1) and that some of the funding covers her supervisory time.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0366** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Robin Freedman, who lives in District 1, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from the solid waste management industry, for a term to expire on September 30, 2022. Ms. Freedman’s resume notes that she has worked for Waste Management since 2011, first as a Senior Communications Manager and now as a Senior Manager for Public Sector Services. In her current role, her resume states that she manages a team of four on municipal waste disposal and recycling bids and account maintenance, handling a line of business worth more than $50 million annually.

**Proposed Motion 2019-0367** would confirm the Executive’s appointment of James Borsum, who lives in District 7, to the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a representative from a bargaining unit representing the greatest number of Solid Waste Division employees (Teamsters Local 117), for a term to expire on September 30, 2022. Mr. Borsum’s application notes that he has worked for Teamsters Local 117 since 2017 as a Union Representative, representing hundreds of drivers and machine operators in the recycling industry.

A board profile from October 2019 (Attachment 11) provides additional information about the current and proposed makeup of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments. They appear to be consistent with the requirements of the King County Code.

**AMENDMENTS**

Executive staff indicated that Proposed Motions 2019-0366 and 2019-0367 inadvertently identify the appointment term as a partial term instead of a full term for Robin Freedman and James Borsum, respectively. Amendment 1 to Proposed Motion 2019-0366 and Amendment 1 to Proposed Motion 2019-0367 would replace “partial” with “full” to correct the error. Executive staff note that the term expiration dates in both motions are correct and that only the description of the term length is incorrect.

**INVITED**

* Lee Eric Momon, Appointee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee
* Heather Trim, Appointee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee
* Robin Freedman, Appointee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee
* James Borsum, Appointee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee
* Pat McLaughlin, Division Director, Solid Waste Division
* Dorian Waller, Staff Liaison to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2019-0339 (attachments available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letter (PM 2019-0339)
3. Proposed Motion 2019-0341 (attachments available upon request)
4. Transmittal Letter (PM 2019-0341)
5. Proposed Motion 2019-0366 (attachments available upon request)
6. Amendment 1 (PM 2019-0366)
7. Transmittal Letter (PM 2019-0366)
8. Proposed Motion 2019-0367 (attachments available upon request)
9. Amendment 1 (PM 2019-0367)
10. Transmittal Letter
11. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Board Profile – October 2019

1. The WaterWorks grant program is a program of the Wastewater Treatment Division and provides funding for projects that improve water quality in the service area for King County’s regional wastewater system. Zero Waste Washington was awarded a $108,000 grant in 2018 with the adoption of Ordinance 18735. Supplemental materials transmitted with the ordinance noted that the project “Supports education about ways to reduce plastic pollution in stormwater, along roadways, in creeks, in wastewater, and in compost (used in green infrastructure projects)” and “includes youth-led videos, informative factsheets and games, and conducting outreach, with a focus in the Duwamish Valley.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)