



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Community, Health and Housing Services Committee

### STAFF REPORT

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| <b>Agenda Item:</b>  | 5 & 6                  | <b>Name:</b> | Sam Porter      |
| <b>Proposed No.:</b> | 2021-0216<br>2021-0217 | <b>Date:</b> | August 31, 2021 |

### SUBJECT

Proposed Motions to confirm the appointment of Jasmeet Singh<sup>1</sup> and Corey Williams<sup>2</sup> to the King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board for partial terms to expire March 31, 2022.

### BACKGROUND

The King County BHAB is a volunteer board developed in accordance with state law<sup>3</sup> and King County Code<sup>4</sup>. State law tasks each Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO) with appointing members to their respective BHAB to review and provide comments on plans and policies, provide local oversight regarding the activities of the BHASO, and work with the BHASO to resolve significant concerns regarding service delivery and outcomes. The King County BHASO manages the state non-Medicaid funded behavioral health system in King County including Crisis and Commitment Services (involuntary hospitalization and the Designated Crisis Responders), prevention services, Federal Block Grant funded mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and the Children's Crisis Outreach Response System.

King County Code requires the Board membership be no less than nine and no more than 15, as determined by the Executive. Code requires that the membership be broadly representative of the community, geographic and demographic mix of the populations served. Code requires that at least fifty-one percent of the membership being individuals with lived experience of behavioral health disorders or parents or legal guardians of individuals identifying as such, and at least one quarter of the membership being individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. The Board shall also have representatives from law enforcement and have no more than four elected officials on the board at any time.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed Motion 2021-0216

<sup>2</sup> Proposed Motion 2021-0217

<sup>3</sup> RCW 71.24.300

<sup>4</sup> KCC 2A.300.050

## **APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

**Appointee Jasmeet Singh.** Proposed Motion 2021-0216 would confirm the appointment of Jasmeet Singh, who resides in Council District Two, for a partial term expiring March 31, 2022. As described in her application materials, Ms. Singh works as a data production specialist for Redfin and has personal experience supporting people from immigrant and BIPOC communities struggling with behavioral health issues.

**Appointee Corey Williams.** Proposed Motion 2021-0217 would confirm the appointment of Corey Williams, who resides in Council District Eight, for a partial term expiring March 31, 2022. According to his application materials, Mr. Williams currently serves as a police sergeant in the Crisis Response Unit of the Seattle Police Department. He has thirteen years of law enforcement experience and is currently pursuing a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

## **ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments and they all appear to be consistent with the requirements of county code.

## **INVITED**

- Kelli Nomura, Division Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division
- Jasmeet Singh, Appointee
- Corey Williams, Appointee

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Motion 2021-0216
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2021-0217
4. Transmittal Letter
5. BHAB Board Profile