



# King County

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516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

*Councilmembers: Joe McDermott, Chair  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Vice Chair;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Larry  
Gossett,  
Kathy Lambert, Dave Upthegrove, Pete von Reichbauer*

*Staff: Patrick Hamacher, Lead Staff (206-477-0880)  
Marka Steadman, Committee Assistant (206-477-0887)*

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1:30 PM

Monday, July 15, 2019

Room 1001

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Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

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### 1. Call to Order

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*The Metropolitan King County Council's Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Joe McDermott at 1:40 p.m.*

### 2. Roll Call

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**Present:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove and Mr. von Reichbauer

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved approval of the July 1, 2019, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

*Councilmember Gossett introduced a delegation from China.*

#### 4. Public Comment

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*The following individuals provided public comment:*

*Alex Tsimerman  
Ron Smothermon  
Aida Sanchez-Vela  
Cassie Pawloski  
Kassech Zenebe*

#### Discussion and Possible Action

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#### 5. Proposed Motion No. 2019-0307

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the east division, northeast electoral district judge position number two of the King County district court.

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*Councilmember Dembowski made a motion to advance the names of Michelle Gehlsen, Jill Klinge and Kevin Peck as the three finalists for the two judicial vacancies.*

*Each of the candidates addressed the Committee and answered questions from the members.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(g) at 3:34 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:54 p.m.*

*Councilmember Dembowski made a motion to fill the blank on line 25 of the motion with the name of Michelle Gehlsen. The motion was adopted.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove and Mr. von Reichbauer

**6. [Proposed Motion No. 2019-0308](#)**

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the east division, northeast electoral district judge position number five of the King County district court.

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*Councilmember Lambert made a motion to fill the blank on line 25 of the motion with the name of Jill Klinge. The motion was adopted.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lambert that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Upthegrove

**Excused:** 2 - Ms. Balducci and Mr. von Reichbauer

**7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-0210](#)**

AN ORDINANCE naming the Children and Family Justice Center Building the Judge Patricia H. Clark Children Family Justice Center Building, in honor of the late Patricia H. Clark, Superior Court Judge and revered community member; and naming the new building's resource center the Justice Bobbe J. Bridge Resource Center, in honor of Washington State Supreme Court Justice (retired) Bobbe J. Bridge, courageous juvenile justice services leader.

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*Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, briefed the Committee and answered questions from the members.*

*Judge Bill Bowman, Assistant Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court, and Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood District, addressed the Committee.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lambert that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove and Mr. von Reichbauer

**Other Business**

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*There was no further business to come before the Committee.*

**Adjournment**

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*The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature