



**King County
Charter Review Commission
Agenda**

King County Chinook Building

1st Floor Executive Conference Room 121/123

401 5th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104

May 22, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Purpose:

- Approve proposals for early action amendment items.
- Review and approve proposed items from subcommittees.

Agenda Topic	Lead	Time	Attachments
1. Welcome and Review Agenda	Co-Chairs	5 min	
2. Public Comment	Co-Chairs	As needed	
3. Approve 4-24-19 Meeting Minutes	Co-Chairs	5 min	4-24-19 Draft Meeting Minutes
4. Review and approve early action items	Facilitator and sub-committees	15 min	
5. Review and approve selected proposals from sub-committees	Facilitator and Sub-committees	2hr 15min	Subcommittee Meeting Tracker
6. Scheduling and next steps	Facilitator	20 min	CRC Meeting Calendar
7. Adjourn	Co-Chairs		

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April 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Tim Ceis, Joe Fain (via telephone), David Heller, Sean Kelly, Clayton Lewis, Toby Nixon, Nikkita Oliver, Rob Saka, Brooks Salazar (via telephone), Beth Sigall (via telephone), Alejandra Tres, Kinnon Williams and Sung Yang

Excused:

Elizabeth Ford, Ian Goodhew, Michael Herschensohn, Linda Larson, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, and Ron Sims

Council and Executive Staff:

Calli Knight, External Relations Specialist, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

Also in Attendance:

Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; meeting facilitator Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates, Inc.; and Mishu Pham-Whipple, Project Associate, Triangle Associates, Inc.

Welcome and Call to Order

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Public Comment:

The following persons were present to provide comment: Corey Guilmette and Jennifer McSherry.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Nixon moved approval of the minutes of the March 14 and March 27, 2019 meetings. The motion was seconded. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Extension of Triangle Associates, Inc. Contract

Commissioner Williams moved approval to extend the Triangle Associates, Inc. contract through the end of November 2019. Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report out from sub-committees on meetings to-date

A handout summarizing the status of each subcommittee was provided. Discussion ensued regarding how early action items might be handled by the Council.

Regional Coordination:

- Regional housing in regard to selling County property – feel that with minor modifications this could be brought in line with state law and allow for the use of surplus land for affordable housing. This was identified as an early action item.
- Regional committees – looking at consolidation of regional committees. This is still under review.
- Economic development – suggesting more of a policy statement in the preamble that would emphasize arts, culture and a livable environment. This was identified as an early action item.

Further discussion addressed getting feedback from the suburban cities and the Sound Cities Association, and the voting balance on the Regional Water Quality Committee.

Equity for All:

- Additional language for the OLEO portion related to subpoena power. This was identified as an early action item.
- Additional language regarding inquests, particularly around in-custody situations and legal representation for families. These were identified as an early action item.
- Adding additional categories (pregnancy, use of a service animal for a disability, military or veteran status and caregiver status) under nondiscrimination. This was identified as an early action item.

Further discussion addressed how “service animal” and “caregiver” would be defined and whether or not the Commission should consider potential costs.

Access:

- No short term proposals and no consensus on any item.
- Public financing of campaigns for office continues to be addressed.
- Draft language related to ranked-choice voting.
- Review Charter through an equity lens in regard to population growth.
- Continue discussions regarding the size of the County Council.

Further discussion addressed the need to get feedback from the full commission regarding interest in continuing to pursue certain topics.

Transparency & Accountability:

- Update and clarify the initiative and referendum process. This was identified as an early action item.
- Technical adjustments to the County budget process. This was identified as an early action item.
- A removal process for elected officials continues to be discussed.
- The Charter Review Commission process is still under discussion.
- Changing sheriff to an appointed position and maintaining the public defender as an appointed position. Looking for feedback from the full Commission.

Further discussion addressed the politics surrounding changing the sheriff to an appointed position, the need to consider the urgency of the issues that are identified as early action items, the potential for the removal from office language to ameliorate the appointed versus elected question. The sub-committee will continue to look at moving the sheriff to an appointed position.

The group discussed which of the eight items identified as early action items should move forward at the present time. Determinations were made as follows:

Early action items:

- OLEO subpoena power
- Bring the language related to the sale of surplus property into line with state law and allow an option for use toward affordable housing.
- Inquest (combine the two issues of in-custody and legal representation for families)

Potential early action items to be discussed further at the May meeting:

- Budget process adjustments
- Value statement in the preamble (emphasis on arts, culture, livable environment, equity, innovation)

Items for longer term discussion:

- Nondiscrimination language
- Initiative and referendum process improvements
- Other items on the list not identified as early action items

Action:

- Staff will draft an ordinance for each of the items that have been identified as early action items.

Discussion/Comments:

Further discussion addressed having subcommittee meetings during the day rather than in the evening, and how to couch the issues in the report to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Summary of Proposed Actions for the KC Charter Review Commission Meeting on May 22nd v5-16-18

	What is the proposed action?	Where is the subcommittee on this topic?	Is there additional information needed to support this discussion?	Does the subcommittee plan to conduct additional outreach?
	The sub-committee proposes:	Discussion milestones:	Coordination with staff:	Expected or planned outreach:
Regional Coordination	Adopting language aligning the charter with state law regarding affordable housing and selling county property below market value.	Recommended as early action by Commission.	Draft language is complete for Commission review	
	Regional Committees should be consolidated or reduced.	The subcommittee agreed this was important to recommend to continue working on.	KC staff drafting language options	Outreach to SCA will be conducted by Toby
	Add a preamble that includes language related to economic development (culture, tourism, venues, sports, parks, open space for the growing population).	Subcommittee reaffirms its proposal for an early action item to the Commission.	Draft language is complete for Commission review	
Equity for All	Adopting language supporting OLEO's subpoena power.	Recommended as early action by Commission. Liz drafted memo.	Draft language is complete for Commission review	
	Adopting language clarifying A) that inquest should be performed during in custody situations and B) that families should receive legal representation during the inquest process.	Recommended as a two part early action by Commission. Rob and Nikkita drafted memo.	Draft language is complete for Commission review	outreach recently conducted
	Adding to current non-discrimination language	Recommended as early action but the Commission prioritized others. Will continue finalizing proposal.		
	Workers Bill of Rights	Committee proposes continuing work.		
	Project Labor Agreements	Committee proposes continuing work.		
	Changes in Personnel System	Committee proposes continuing work.	KC staff drafting language	
	Equitable growth in King County	Committee proposes continuing work.		

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Access	Public financing of campaigns for office	Lack of consensus. (Not recommended to move forward)		
	Ranked Choice Voting	Full Commission to provide direction on whether to move forward.		
	Size of County Council	Pending discussions of the Regional Coordination Subcommittee on the issue of regional committees. (TABLED)		
Transparency & Accountability	Technical changes to the initiative and referendum process improvement	Committee proposes continuing work.	Need to meet with County Elections staff	
	Charter review appointment process in improve demographic and geographic diversity on the commission.	Committee proposes continuing work.		
	Changes to the budgeting process proposed by Executive and Councilmembers.	Committee proposes continuing work.	Staff and legal team drafting language.	
	Removal process for elected officials	Committee proposes continuing work.	Guidance from legal team.	
	Sheriff (change) and Public Defender (maintain) as appointed positions.	Full Commission to provide direction on whether to move forward.		

KC-CRC SCHEDULE PLANNER 2019-2020

PROJECT	CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION	Calendar for Charter Review Commission Sub-Committees, full Commission Meetings and Final Report development.
VERSION	6 MONTH EXTENSION V3-20-19	

PROJECT PHASE	STARTING	ENDING	SUB-COMMITTEES:
1. SUBC: PURPOSE + LEGAL	March 27 to	May 21	EQUITY FOR ALL
2. CRC EARLY ACTION PROPOSALS	April 24	April 24	TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
3. CRC DETERMINE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS	May 22 5:30-8:30PM	May 22 5:30-8:30PM	ACCESS
4. SUBC: BUDGET+FEASIBILITY +OUTREACH	May 23 to	June 25	REGIONAL COORDINATION
0. CRC STATUS REPORT OUT MEETING	June 26 and	September 11	
5. SUBC FINALIZE AMENDMENT TEXT	June 27 to	September 11	
6. CRC DRAFT AND FINAL REPORTS	Sept 25, Oct 9	Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20	OUTREACH - TOWN HALLS

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Key Dates:

- April 24th** Vote on proposals that would be sent to Council for consideration for this year's Ballot.
- May 22nd** (Extended Meeting) Vote to determine proposals that will move forward for further consideration by the Commission.
- June 26th** Status report from Sub-Committees on budget, feasibility and outreach results for each proposal. Deadline for proposals from subcommittees to staff to develop amendment language.
- September 11th** Review staff proposed amendment language for each topic.
- September 25th** Materials for town hall meetings in October.
- October 9th** CRC discussion of full Draft Report and preparations for Town Halls.
- October 23rd** CRC discussion of feedback from Town Hall regarding full Draft Report.
- November 6th** Final Draft Report reviewed and completed by Commission.
- November 20th** Final Report completed by Commission.