

SUMMARY
Equity Review Committee
March 10, 2022 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Equity Review Committee was called to order at 2:06 p.m. Judge Frank Cuthbertson by Zoom.

2. Committee Members Present: Tiffany Robson, District 1, Scott Harrison, District 1, Jmarie Johnson-Kola, District 2, Paul Herrera, District 2, Harvey Gilchrist, District 3, Andre Jimenez, District 4, Latoya Brackett, District 4, Jim Cook, District 6, Darwin Peters, District 6, RoxAnne Simon, District 7, Priya Saxena, District 7.

Also Present: Gary Robinson, Judy Archer, Nina Caldwell, Hon Karl Williams, Lauren Wallin, William Bridges, Natalie Ferri, Michael Kawamura, Jennifer Freeman, Anne Bettesworth, Adrienne Wat

3. Welcome

Judge Cuthbertson welcomed committee members. Judge Cuthbertson invited voting members and County staff to introduce themselves.

4. Other Local Law Enforcement Oversight Models.

Judge Cuthbertson expressed a desire for the committee to make informed decisions about County legislation and the Civilian Review Board. Ms. Bettesworth, Assistant Director of Public Affairs and Policy, Office of Police Accountability for the City of Seattle presented a PowerPoint titled "Seattle Police Accountability Overview". Committee members asked questions of Ms. Bettesworth including those surrounding data, language and consent decree. Ms. Wat, Deputy Director, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight with King County presented a PowerPoint titled "Understanding Civilian Oversight and How It Works at King County". Committee members asked Ms. Wat questions about creation of the office. Both Ms. Bettesworth and Ms. Wat answered questions from members about areas such as collective bargaining, investigation, and procedures of their offices.

5. Other Investigatory Bodies (I-940 Independent Investigations and Governor's Office of Investigations)

Ms. Jennifer Freeman, Department of Assigned Counsel provided an overview of state level investigations, I-940 Independent Investigations the Governor's Office of Investigations, and the requirements and statutes involved. She mentioned Pierce County Force Investigation Team (PCFIT) and independent investigations outside of the PC Sheriff's office. She explained that these areas do not deal with internal affairs investigations, which are internal policy violations and outcomes. Ms. Wat explained the process for accessing external investigative files for King County.

6. Summary and Discussion

Judge Cuthbertson opened the meeting up for questions from committee members. There was interest from committee members to have more discussion over the role and responsibilities of the committee. Judge Cuthbertson mentioned the survey staff would be sending to the committee members regarding the Civilian Review Board. Concerns were raised by committee members about the goals and powers of the ERC. Judge Cuthbertson proposed staff would communicate with committee members further about these items via email prior to the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Equity Review Committee was adjourned at 4:14.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Chapman', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Chapman, Assistant Analyst