

SUMMARY
Equity Review Committee
August 11, 2022 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
The meeting of the Equity Review Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Judge Frank Cuthbertson by Zoom.
2. Committee Members Present: Scott Harrison, District 1; Jmarie Johnson-Kola, District 2; Latoya Bracket, District 4; Darwin Peters, District 6; RoxAnne Simon, District 7; Priya Saxena, District 7; and Tim Reynon, Tribal Rep.

Also Present: Gary Robinson, Judy Archer, Michael Kawamura, Nina Caldwell, Lauren Wallin, Judge Frank Cuthbertson, and William Bridges.
3. Introductions
Judge Frank Cuthbertson welcomed committee members and invited members to introduce themselves.
4. Adoption of the Agenda
Cuthbertson reviewed agenda. There were no changes.
5. Introduction of Stefanie Love, Equity Community Engagement Coordinator, Department of Human Services
Cuthbertson introduced Stefanie Love, Human Services. Love provided a PowerPoint explaining her role in Human Services on accessibility and equity. Members had questions about the position in Human Services and voiced concern over the number of areas Love will be covering. Members offered to assist with resources and to work collaboratively with Love.
6. Presentation and Discussion of Executive's Proposed Equity Note
Cuthbertson introduced Julie Demuth, Finance Department, who provided a PowerPoint on the proposed Equity Note. Members asked about using the Equity Note throughout the County and beyond legislation. Stakeholder involvement and strategic community engagement was discussed. Recommendations were made regarding the Equity Note form.
7. Considering Motion to Create a Permanent Equity Structure in Pierce County Government
Cuthbertson spoke to the motion and structure of a potential permanent structure. Members debated the benefits of a volunteer or paid community commission as opposed to an employee/office and cautioned about government deciding what is an equitable issue. Further discussion needed about stipends and the structure of a commission or office. There was no vote because a quorum was lacking.
8. Other Business
Cuthbertson and Bridges spoke to the deadline for a recommendation and next steps after sunset of committee.
9. Public Comment
Cuthbertson opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.
10. Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting of the Equity Review Committee was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Attest:



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