

OPERATING AGREEMENTS
R2020-43 PUBLIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Values

- a. All committee members agree to act in good faith.
- b. Committee members agree to respect and appreciate different opinions.
- c. Committee members agree that the diversity of Pierce County's residents is a strength.
- d. The Public Review Committee agrees that all residents of Pierce County should be treated equally under law.
- e. The Committee welcomes difficult discussions and agrees to engage in these discussions respectfully with a "growth mindset".

2. Working Together Toward a Valuable Outcome

- a. Committee members agree to review materials presented by Pierce County between regularly scheduled meetings as necessary.
- b. Members will come to meetings prepared.
- c. The Committee is committed to setting realistic expectations and achievable outcomes.
- d. The Committee is committed to relying on objective facts and data-supported decisions.
- e. Committee members should be prepared to question pre-existing assumptions and biases. This includes biases we are aware of and preconceived opinions or viewpoints, based solely on life experience or lack of experience with people of other backgrounds, that we may be unaware of.

3. Ground Rules

- a. Please avoid using blaming or accusatory statements in addressing other members of the Review Committee and/or Pierce County staff.
- b. Please limit statements and or questions to two minutes given the size of the committee. All voices are important and should have a chance to be heard on each objective considered by the Committee and its final work product.
- c. Written comments will also be accepted and shared with the group, if requested.
- d. We expect that all or most of the Review Committee meetings will be held either through Zoom or Microsoft Teams with technical support through County staff.
- e. During online or virtual meetings please wait to be recognized by the facilitator, Judge Cuthbertson, by raising your hand, which will be visible on screen.
- f. Be patient and understanding as we undertake this important work of improving the quality of life for every community within Pierce County.

4. Public Attendance and Comment:

- a. Meetings will be held using zoom, and committee members will be provided participation access codes unique to them. Zoom access for remote attendance for the public will be provided by using web or call in systems.
- b. Agendas and materials will be posted for each meeting.
- c. Public comment will be accepted at the conclusion of each meeting, and in writing. Members of the public will have two minutes to address the area of review discussed during the day's meeting.
- d. Written comments will also be accepted by emailing pccouncil@piercecountywa.gov, and copies will be provided to all committee members.

R2020-43 Public Review Committee, as established under R2020-76

PURPOSE

1. It is the desire of the Pierce County Council to include a Public Review Committee in the review of responses from the County Executive on the policies, procedures and best practices in place within Pierce County law and justice systems including the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Pierce County Corrections, Pierce County Assigned Counsel, Medical Examiner and the Economic Development Department. The committee will also review responses by the Judicial Branch (Superior, District and Juvenile Courts) and Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
2. The Council will use Committee feedback to develop an action plan to prevent inequality and injustice for all residents in Pierce County. To achieve this the Council will formulate and implement public policies and procedures that assure fair distribution of public services and management of County operated public-serving institutions to achieve fairness, justice, equality and equity.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify any gaps in analysis or review provided by the Executive, Judicial Branch and Prosecuting Attorney's Office of law and justice systems in response to Resolution 2020-43; and
2. Identify any best practices, policies or procedures that should be developed, researched or reviewed further; and
3. Recommend key priorities and strategies for consideration in the development of an action plan to implement both short- and long-term action by the Pierce County Council to achieve meaningful reform.

MEETING SCHEDULE

R2020-43 PUBLIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

**September 16 Committee of the Whole - presentation of reviews from the Executive, Sheriff and Office of the Prosecuting Attorney*

September 23 Organizational meeting of the Public Review Committee, outline work plan and schedule of work to report to council by October 30th

September 30 Week 1: Area of review – Sheriff Law Enforcement and Corrections.

**October 7 COW for Judicial Presentation*

October 7 Week 2: Area of review – TBD

October 14 Week 3: Area of review – TBD

October 21 Week 4: Review draft plan of recommendations/priorities, from the weekly/area reviews

October 28 Week 5: Finalize report/recommendations – Send to Council

**TBD/Week of November 1 Present report to council at a COW*

Poll for establishing meeting times weekly is presently underway

**Pierce County Council Committee of the Whole meetings related to R2020-43, for information*