



## MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING: VCC Administration Board Meeting  
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19  
DATE: Friday, January 8, 2021

MEMBERS: Mayor Ralph, *City of Kent*  
Mayor Backus, *City of Auburn*  
Mayor Ekberg, *City of Tukwila*  
Mayor Pavone, *City of Renton*  
Mayor Ferrell, *City of Federal Way*  
Chief Padilla, *Police Representative*  
Chief Keller, *King County Medic One*  
Chief Morris, *Fire Representative*

VISITORS: David Mendel, *PSERN*

VCC STAFF: Lora Ueland, *Executive Director*  
Vonnie Mayer, *Deputy Director*  
Kristin Meitzler, *Technical Services Manager*  
Mary Sue Robey, *Administrative Services Manager*  
Evan Nelson, *Training Manager*  
Tracy Fitzgerald, *Administrative Services Assistant*  
Melinda Wilde, *Supervisor*  
Tatyana Bogush-Stakhov, *Finance Manager*  
Ben De La Vega, *CO II*

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**Welcome and Introductions.** Chairperson Mayor Ralph called the meeting to order at 1001 welcoming all attendees.

**Report from Chair.** Mayor Ralph has completed Director Ueland's annual review and forwarded to members of the Admin Board. She stated she is proud to be a part of Valley Com and thanked Director Ueland for her leadership to the Admin Board and Valley Com throughout 2020.

**Report from Any Member.** None

**Action Items.** *Mayor Backus moved to approve the minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Mayor Ferrell seconded. Motion approved.*



*Mayor Backus moved to approve the August 27<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 vouchers. Mayor Ekberg seconded. Motion approved.*

*Mayor Backus moved to appoint the VCC Admin Board Chair to serve as the PSERN Operator Board of Directors representative for the cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton and Tukwila and that Valley Com Executive Director Lora Ueland serve as the full-time designee of the representative. This action will be revisited in even number years. Mayor Pavone seconded. Motion approved.*

**Recognition.** Deputy Director Vonnie Mayer introduced COII Ben De La Vega and thanked him for his 10 years of dedicated service to Valley Com. She also recognized COII Melanie Phillips for 15 years of service and COII Peter Permenter for 10 years. Melanie and Peter were unable to attend today's meeting.

**Report from Executive Director.** Director Ueland reported that as President of the WA APCO/NENA Chapter she is meeting with legislators to socialize a draft bill to re-classify 911 Telecommunicators as public safety employees instead of a Federal classification of 'clerical'. The bill also seeks to implement a minimum training certification requirement for 911 Telecommunicators.

Director Ueland is participating in plans to stand up the state-wide 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline. There may be opportunity for the State ESI-Net to transport those calls to a suicide prevention call center as the same location-based routing that 911 uses will be needed.

Director Ueland stated VCC is supporting and assisting in the development of a co-responder mental health pilot program for South King County. The 9 VCC police agencies were awarded a grant from WASPC to deploy a team of one MGP and two Navigators for 6 months. At this time, there are no expected changes in the workflow for call receivers and dispatchers as the team would be requested by PD on the scene.

**Good of the Order.**

Deputy Director Mayer thanked Chief Morris and Chief Keller for their efforts in coordinating COVID testing and ongoing efforts to obtain the vaccine for the essential com room personnel.

Mayor Backus stated there is a media briefing today with King County Executive Dow Constantine on the extended rollout of the vaccine today.

The next scheduled meeting of the Administration Board is Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

With no further business, Mayor Ralph adjourned the meeting at 1036 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Fitzgerald, Administrative Services Assistant

