

## SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 2/10/21

**Chair:** Commissioner Al French

**Vice-Chair:** Justin Bingham

**Meeting Date:**  
2/10/2021

**Meeting Location:**  
Virtual Meeting

**Start Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Adjourn Time:** 1:30 p.m.

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Mayor Nadine Woodward by proxy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:Mayor@Spokanecity.org">Mayor@Spokanecity.org</a>	Mayor of Spokane
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Todd Milke	<a href="mailto:TMIELKE@SpokaneSheriff.org">TMIELKE@SpokaneSheriff.org</a>	<a href="#">Sheriffs Office</a>

**Present:**

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator

Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant

Curtis Hampton, Strategic Planning Committee
Karen Boone, Racial Equity Committee
Dianne Linquist, Office of Law and Justice
Karen Corkins, Commissioner French's Office
Emily Peters
Abigail Larson
Annie Murphey
Bob Murphey
Richard Matters, Strategic Planning Committee
Hannah Rodriguez
Jared Webley
Mary Lou Johnson, Strategic Planning Committee
John Dickson, Spokane County
Katie Sweeney
Linda Kleingartner
Michiko Fjeld
Ping Ping
Tara Dhanraj
Undersheriff Michael Kittilstved, Sheriff's Office
Victoria Lyfar
Annemarie Frohnhoefer
Alexis Gallaway-Tonasket

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
  - a. Chair and Co-Chair Nomination
3. Committee Business
  - a. Strategic Planning Committee on Policies and Procedures Manual
4. Blueprint for Reform- continued discussion
5. Adjourn

**Minutes:**

- Item #1: Commissioner French, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
  - Recognized February is Black History Month
- Item #2: Cary Driskell of Spokane Valley, moved to approve January's meeting minutes. Seconded by John Haley. Approved unanimously.
  - October minutes attendance will be corrected before approved
- Commissioner Josh Kerns motioned to nominate Commissioner Al French for Chair of the SRLJC. Seconded by John Haley. Unanimously approved
- Tim Fitzgerald, County Clerk, motioned to nominate Justin Bingham as Co-Chair of the SRLJC. Seconded by Cary Driskell. Unanimously approved.
- Item #3: Committee Business.
  - Strategic Planning Committee
    - Policies and Procedure changes recommendations will be sent out before next meeting for review.
    - Recommendation of standing position for REC chair on the SRLJC. Cary Driskell made the motion that 1 of 4 positions have an appointment for the REC committee chair. Seconded by Justin Bingham. Approved unanimously
- Item #4: Blueprint for Reform
  - Judge Maryann Moreno stated the Administrative Committee suggested the SRLJC return to having community leaders bring updates and information about their work.
  - Co-Chair Justin Bingham agreed with Judge Moreno that the meetings need to be more effective.
  - Erin Williams-Hueter, community representative, voiced agreement with both Co-Chair Justin Bingham and Judge Moreno.
  - Mike Sparber, Detention Services Director, stated the board is so large that it is hard for the board to accomplish items. There needs to be a separate board for Law Enforcement to bring forward recommendations that will still be approved through the SRLJC.
  - Breean Beggs, City Council President, agrees that the SRLJC was more effective with active committees.
  - Judge Aimee Maurer agrees we need to be more efficient and informed by what we have committed to do in other spaces.
  - Carmen Pacheco-Jones, Community Representative, believes there are too many barriers for community involvement and effectiveness.
  - Commissioner French will bring these notes to the County Commissioners and discuss in March.
- Item 5# Other Comments
  - Judge Moreno addressed a question in the chat "is there anything new happening to reduce systemic racial disparity."
  - Co-Chair Justin Bingham will present in March on what his office is doing in response to the Report from the Blueprint.
  - Maggie Yates, Law & Justice Administrator, provided a brief overview of the recent Safety & Justice Challenge grant award.
  - Carmen Pacheco Jones requested that questions and comments be captured.

Meeting adjourned. 1:04 pm.

Next meeting: 03/10/21

**Scribe:** Candace Aguirre