

## SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES – 4/14/21

**Chair:** Commissioner Al French

**Vice-Chair:** Justin Bingham

**Meeting Date:**  
4/14/2021

**Meeting Location:**  
Virtual Meeting

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

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Cheryl Tofsrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:CTofsrud@Spokanecounty.org">CTofsrud@Spokanecounty.org</a>	Pre-Trial Services
Erin Williams-Hueter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:ewilliams@lcsnw.org">ewilliams@lcsnw.org</a>	Community Rep.
Mayor Nadine Woodward by proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:Mayor@Spokanecity.org">Mayor@Spokanecity.org</a>	Mayor of Spokane
Judge Aimee Maurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:amaurer@spokanecounty.org">amaurer@spokanecounty.org</a>	District court
Dave Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="mailto:djellis@spokanesherriff.org">djellis@spokanesherriff.org</a>	Spokane Valley Police Chief

**Proxies:**

Curtis Hampton		Community Rep
Undersheriff Michael Kittilstved		Sheriff's Office
Mike Ormsby		Mayor's Office

**Present:**

Maggie Yates, Regional Law & Justice Administrator

Candace Aguirre, Regional Law & Justice Staff Assistant
Brandi Peetz
Anna Roberts
Carol Landa-McVicker
Colin Tierman, The Spokesman Review
Richard Matters
John Dickson, Spokane County
Dianne Linqvist
Don Hooper
Erick Doxey
Fuse Washington
Jan Carrington
Jen Davis Nielsen, LCSNW
Jim Kauffman
Kaitlin Kall
Jim McDevitt
Karen Corkins
Mary Lou Johnson
Richard Matters
Scott Mueller
Scott Simmons
Shawn Vestal
Steve Nelson
Sylvia Oliver
Tara Dhanraj
Victoria Blumhorst

## Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
3. Continued discussion of SRLJC structure and proposed resolution
  - Public Comment
  - Vote on proposed solution
4. Misc. Items
5. Adjourn

## Minutes:

- Item #1: Commission Al French, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.
- Item #2: Justin Bingham, Co-Chair, moved to approve March's minutes. Seconded by Tim Fitzgerald, County Clerk. Approved unanimously.
- 6. Item #3: Continued discussion of SRLJC structure and proposed resolution.
  - Jim McDevitt, one of the authors of the Blueprint for Reform and Status Report, provided additional context to the recommendations within the Blueprint for Reform Status Report.
  - Larry Haskell read the Community Participation Committee resolution, which is a companion resolution to SRLJC restructure proposal.
  - Jim McDevitt clarified that the Status Report is an evaluation of what the SRLJC has done and the group was not involved in the drafting of the proposed resolution nor were they asked to develop a proposal as to how to improve the current body.
  - Cary Driskell, Spokane Valley, stated he does not support the proposed resolution and suggests the Strategic Planning Committee be tasked to come up with the framework for an interlocal agreement that would take the input of the various jurisdictions and interested parties. The committee would then present an alternative approach for consideration to the SRLJC. He also voiced concern that there is not an established committee ready to take on current responsibilities should the SRLJC be dissolved.
  - John Haley, Community Representative, stated he is not in support on the proposed resolution as he believes the group is making progress as it stands and is concerned the new resolution would set progress back.
  - Erin Williams Heuter, Community Representative, shared with the Council concerns she received from the community. She also stated community representative positions should not be eliminated.
  - Justin Bingham, Co-Chair, stated he is opposed to the reduction in size of the SRLJC. He agreed with Cary Driskell that the Strategic Planning committee should look at the resolution and come up with a new solution.
  - Breean Beggs, City Council President, supports having Strategic Planning take this issue on and bringing back a better solution in order to keep people with decision making power involved in the SRLJC.
  - Public Comment
    - Jenn Davis Nielsen, Lutheran Community Services, spoke against the resolution due to its removal of community members.
    - Brandi Peetz, Spokane Valley, is not in support of the proposed resolution due to the removal of community members.
    - David Carlson, Disabilities Rights Washington, is not in support of the proposed resolution due to the removal of community members.
    - Justice Forall, community member, is not in support of the proposed resolution due to the removal of community members.
    - Rick Matters, Racial Equity Committee, is not in support of the proposed resolution.
  - Cary Driskell motioned that the Council task the Strategic Planning Committee to develop alternative structures for the Council's consideration. As part of this motion, Cary Driskell requested possible

administrative assistance due to the size of the project. Breean Beggs seconded the motion. The motion passed 15 "For" to 6 "Against".

- All commissioners recused themselves from the vote.
- The Strategic Planning Committee will give a status report on this project at May's SRLJC meeting.

- Item #4: Misc. Items

- Larry Haskell requested the chat be saved.

Meeting adjourned. 1:30 pm.