

Kitsap 911 Executive Committee Meeting Special Meeting

May 31, 2022 ~ 12:00 PM to 12:15 PM

Via Zoom

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Action Items
 - a. Adoption of Resolution 2022-005 Requiring Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to be Held Without a Physical Location to Protect the Health and Safety of Board Members, Staff and Public (Kirton)
3. Good of the Order
4. Adjourn

Topic: Special Kitsap 911 Executive Committee Meeting
Time: May 31, 2022 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Kitsap 911 Public Authority

Resolution 2022 - 005

Resolution Requiring Meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors be Held Without a Physical Location to Protect the Health and Safety of Board Members, Staff, and the Public.

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners adopted ordinance 532-2016 enacting chapter 2.110 of the Kitsap County code (the “Ordinance”), creating the Kitsap 911 Public Authority; approving a charter therefor; establishing a Board of Directors to govern the affairs of Kitsap 911; and providing how Kitsap 911 shall conduct its affairs; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap 911 (the “Authority”) is a public corporation organized pursuant to RCW 35.21.730; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has appointed an Executive Committee and delegated certain powers and authority to the Executive Committee in accordance with article VI of the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties in Washington as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency through Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. President Biden issued a notice on April 13, 2022, continuing the national emergency for another 90 days until June 30, 2022 which remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap County’s Department of Emergency Management issued a Proclamation of Emergency on March 8, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2020 the Kitsap 911 Executive Committee adopted Resolution 2020-003 declaring an emergency and authorized the agency to take all necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of employees and the public. That resolution was affirmed by the Board of Directors on April 7, 2022 which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, all of the above referenced Declarations of Emergency remain in effect and therefore a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Kitsap 911 bylaws adopted December 4, 2018 allow for Members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee to participate in Kitsap 911’s public meetings by telephone or video conference, or other comparable means; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 legislative session the Washington Legislature amended the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 115, Laws of 2020, RCW 42.30) to allow an agency to hold a remote meeting of the governing body without a physical location; or hold a meeting of the governing body at which the physical attendance of some or all members of the public is limited due to a declared emergency if the governing body determines that in-person attendance cannot be held with reasonable safety because of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Public Health reports that cases of COVID-19 in Kitsap and Washington State are on the rise again at this time. Illness outbreaks at long-term care facilities, schools, and other employment situations are prevalent. While face masks are no longer required, they are recommended for use in crowded indoor settings where the vaccination status of attendees is not known. There is no vaccination mandate. Case rates are about 200/100,00 but Kitsap Public Health is confident that that rate is largely under-counted due to the

availability and use of at-home tests.

WHEREAS, Kitsap 911 employees work in close quarters and provide critical public safety services and an outbreak among our staff would likely be detrimental to our ability to provide these essential services.

WHEREAS, Kitsap 911's Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings have been held successfully via zoom since March 25, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap 911 facility remains closed to visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kitsap 911 Executive Committee as follows:

Section 1. No In Person Governance Body Meetings for 120 days. The Kitsap 911 Executive Committee and Board of Directors will continue to meet remote-only for the next 120 days unless this resolution is rescinded earlier. Due to:

- The prevalence of COVID-19 in our community at this time;
- The need to protect our employees from a COVID outbreak so that they can continue to provide critical public safety services;
- The easy availability for the public to access and attend Executive Committee and Kitsap 911 Board of Directors meetings in virtual format via Zoom, Teams or other methods;
- Our strong desire to protect the health and safety of board members, meeting guests, and Kitsap 911 employees; and
- The existing federal, state, and local declarations of emergency that are still in effect for COVID-19.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution is effective May 31, 2022.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

MOVED AND PASSED at a special meeting of the Kitsap 911 Executive Committee on May 31, 2022 of which all Executive Committee Members were notified, and a quorum was present.

KITSAP 911 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dusty Wiley, CHAIR

ATTEST:

Richard A. Kirton, Executive Director