

Document Code No.: ACO-8-1-41-EO

Title: Delegation of Authority During Absence of the Executive and Line of Succession

Keywords: Executive, Succession, Delegation

Sponsoring Agency: King County Executive Office



King County

An Executive Order superseding Executive Order ACO 8-1-40-EO dated July 10, 2024, delegating authority when the Executive is absent and designating a line of succession in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive.

WHEREAS, I, Shannon Braddock, am the duly appointed acting King County Executive, having assumed said position on April 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, from time to time the King County Executive may be absent from King County or otherwise unavailable to sign official documents or take other official actions; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary during those occasions for various official documents and ordinances to be signed to carry on King County's business and for various orders and directions to be given on behalf of the Executive; and

WHEREAS, the King County Executive may be unavailable to direct implementation of the King County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to satisfy Federal and Washington State legal requirements that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan indicate the name of the individuals responsible for implementing the Plan during periods of natural or war-caused disaster; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency, King County Code Section 12.52.030 delineates the emergency powers of the King County Executive after the Executive has formally proclaimed in writing the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 850, of the King County Charter provides for the delegation of Executive powers and-duties, except the veto power, to be assumed and carried out in the Executive's absence; and

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 680.10, of the King County Charter requires the Executive to designate an interim official in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shannon Braddock, King County Executive, do hereby order and direct that the following individuals are designated to act on my behalf in my absence and delegate to each my powers and duties, except the veto power, to be assumed and carried out by:

- (1) Deputy County Executive: Karan Gill
- (2) Chief Operating Officer/Director of Performance, Strategy and Budget: Dwight Dively
- (3) Chief People Officer: Whitney Abrams

- (4) Deputy Chief Operating Officer: Jennifer Hills
- (5) County Administrative Officer: Lorraine Patterson-Harris

FURTHERMORE, I officially designate the following individuals to serve as interim County Executive in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive:

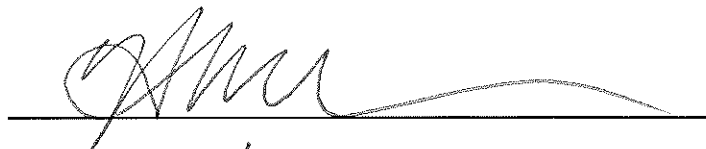
- (1) Deputy County Executive: Karan Gill
- (2) Chief Operating Officer/Director of Performance, Strategy and Budget: Dwight Dively
- (3) Chief People Officer: Whitney Abrams
- (4) Deputy Chief Operating Officer: Jennifer Hills
- (5) County Administrative Officer: Lorraine Patterson-Harris

Dated and effective this 1st day of April, 2025.



Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me before this 1st day of April, 2025



Printed Name: HARRIETTE KILLHAM
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington, residing at SEATTLE
My Commission Expires 3/8/2026

