Chapter 2.43

PRENATAL TO 25 COMMISSION FOR INFANT, CHILD, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Sections:

2.43.010 Created.

The Prenatal to 25 Commission for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development is created and shall hereafter in this Chapter be referred to as the P-25 Commission. The members of the P-25 Commission shall be appointed by the Pierce County Executive and confirmed by a majority of the Pierce County Council, pursuant to the Pierce County Charter, Section 3.30.

2.43.020 Purpose.

The P-25 Commission shall propose to the County Executive and County Council a long-range plan with policy, systems, and environmental change recommendations to ensure the successful development of infants, children, youth and young adults ages Prenatal to 25. The proposed long-range plan and policy recommendations shall consider and leverage current research, innovative and promising programs, as well as proven, evidence-based development strategies likely to be effective in Pierce County.

2.43.030 Composition.

The P-25 Commission shall be comprised of 21 members who represent the cultural diversity of Pierce County, including: seven community members that can represent family perspectives and viewpoints (one from each of the seven County Council districts); one representative from a county-wide youth-serving agency; one representative from K-12 education; one representative from early childhood education; one representative from youth workforce development; one representative from juvenile justice; one representative from Public Health; one representative from the Behavioral Health community, including mental health and substance use disorder services; one representative from a youth housing/homelessness agency; one representative from the pediatric medical community; one representative from the faith community; and one young adult. The P-25 Commission is also encouraged to add non-voting student members. Preference for young adults in the 18-25 age category and those who have utilized the above-mentioned services will be given in appointing members.
2.43.040 Terms of Office.

After the P-25 Commission is created, the first terms of the members shall be staggered as follows:
A. Seven Council District representatives shall be appointed for a four-year term; and
B. Four members shall be appointed for a three-year term; and,
C. Remaining members shall be appointed for a two-year term.
No member of the P-25 Commission shall be eligible to serve more than one additional consecutive four-year term following expiration of their first appointment.

2.43.050 Vacancies – Removal from Office.

Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term. Thereafter, a newly appointed member may be re-appointed for a four-year term. The Executive may remove any member of the P-25 Commission for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or three unexcused absences in one year, subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council.

2.43.060 Officers – Quorum – Voting Privileges.

Annually, the P-25 Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair form among its members. Officers shall not be eligible to serve in the same capacity for more than two consecutive years. A quorum of the P-25 Commission for the purposes of transacting business shall be 11 members. Each member of the P-25 Commission shall be entitled to one vote on any matter duly before the body. Members shall abstain from voting on matters that create a conflict of interest with their professional role or with the organization they represent.

2.43.070 Meetings – Rules and Records.

The P-25 Commission shall meet at least six times each year. All meetings shall be open to the public. The P-25 Commission shall adopt Rules before it transacts business, and a current copy of the Rules shall be provided to the Pierce County Executive and the Clerk of the Pierce County Council. The P-25 Commission shall keep written minutes of its meetings and make those minutes available to all active members of the P-25 Commission and to the public.

2.43.080 Priorities.

The work of the P-25 Commission will include proposing a long-range plan and policy recommendations focused on achieving equity and in accordance with its purpose; aligning the County’s plan with new, innovative and existing programs; and other work as determined by stakeholders, the County Executive and the County Council. The P-25 Commission will adopt a pro-social approach that engages children, youth and young adults throughout the age spectrum of Prenatal to 25 within families, their communities, schools, justice systems, health systems, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and peer groups. The P-25 Commission is encouraged to research and align its efforts with other compatible culturally appropriate initiatives, such as the Whole Child Initiative, the Help Me Grow Initiative, Birth to 3, Project Child Success, Pierce Together 4 Kids, and other innovative, promising and best practices in child, youth, and young adult development.
2.43.090 Recommendations.

Proposals and policy recommendations shall be accomplished in the following manner:

A. All proposals and policy recommendations shall be in writing and shall contain specific issues raised by the P-25 Commission and be directed to the Pierce County Executive and the County Council for potential action.

B. At least once annually, the P-25 Commission shall submit to the Pierce County Executive and the County Council written proposals and policy recommendations preceding the County’s budget adoption process.

C. All written proposals and recommendations shall specify the P-25 Commission’s vote on the issue.

2.43.100 Staff Support.

To the extent required and necessary, the P-25 Commission will be facilitated by the Pierce County Human Services Community Development Division, or its designee. Funding for the work of the P-25 Commission shall be within the discretion of the Pierce County Executive and the Pierce County Council.