

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Jani Hitchen  
2 Requested by: County Council

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5 **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20**  
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8 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 2.43 of the**  
9 **Pierce County Code, "Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant,**  
10 **Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development," by Adding a**  
11 **Representative from the Superintendents of Pierce County**  
12 **Public Schools to the Birth to 25 Advisory Board.**

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14 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2019-6 creating the  
15 Birth to 25 Advisory Board (B-25 Board) for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult  
16 Development to propose a long-range plan for whole child development with policy,  
17 systems, and environmental change recommendations to ensure the successful  
18 development of infants, children, youth, and young adults ages Birth to 25; and

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20 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council also adopted Ordinance No. 2022-79s  
21 tasking the B-25 Board with recommending and monitoring the projects that receive  
22 funding from the County's Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; and

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24 **Whereas**, the B-25 Board is comprised of 20 members who represent the  
25 cultural diversity of Pierce County, including an individual from each Council district and  
26 individuals from various sectors serving youth; and

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28 **Whereas**, the County's 15 school districts play a critical role in developing youth  
29 and are often the first to see and identify emerging issues and opportunities for better  
30 serving our youth; and

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32 **Whereas**, a school district's Superintendent understands the needs of their  
33 enrolled students and the staff that support them, and works with the families and  
34 surrounding community to address the needs of enrolled students; and

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36 **Whereas**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Superintendents of the County's  
37 public schools began meeting regularly to collaborate with the various government  
38 agencies and exchange ideas on how to best serve students and families while  
39 navigating the pandemic; and

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41 **Whereas**, the County's Superintendents continue to meet regularly and provide a  
42 unique and valuable perspective of the school system as a whole and can share their  
43 expertise when looking at new county programs, preparing students for state testing,  
44 identifying needs and gaps as students leave school, and providing opportunities for  
45 using school campuses outside the scheduled school days to serve students and  
46 families after hours; and



1 **Whereas**, each of the County's Superintendents are tasked to lead an entire  
2 district and are able to share with the B-25 Board how school districts are funded,  
3 regulated, staffed and run; and  
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5 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council wishes to add a representative from the  
6 Superintendents of the County's public schools to the Birth to 25 Advisory Board; **Now**  
7 **Therefore**,

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9 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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11 Section 1. Chapter 2.43 of the Pierce County Code, "Birth to 25 Advisory Board  
12 for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development," is hereby amended as shown  
13 in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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15 PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.  
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19 ATTEST:

20 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
21 Pierce County, Washington

22 Denise D. Johnson  
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24 **Denise D. Johnson**  
25 Clerk to the Council

26 Ryan N. Mello  
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28 **Ryan N. Mello**  
29 Council Chair

30 Bruce F. Dammeier  
31 **Bruce F. Dammeier**  
32 Pierce County Executive  
33 Approved  Vetted \_\_\_\_\_, this  
34 20<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
35 2023.

36 Date of Publication of  
37 Notice of Public Hearing: May 31, 2023

38 Effective Date of Ordinance: June 30, 2023  
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Only those portions of Chapter 2.43 that are proposed to be amended are shown. The remainder of text, tables, maps and/or figures is unchanged.

*Chapter 2.43*

**BIRTH TO 25 ADVISORY BOARD FOR INFANT, CHILD, YOUTH,  
AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT**

**2.43.030 Composition.**

The B-25 Board shall be comprised of ~~20~~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 organization; 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 organization; one representative from the pediatric medical community; one representative from the faith community; one representative of the special needs community; one representative from one of our area tribes; ~~one representative from the Superintendents of the County's public schools~~; and one young adult. The B-25 Board 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 Term of Office.**

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by a majority of the Council by Resolution. The Board shall consist of ~~20~~21 voting members. Effective January 1, 2022, the first terms of the Board's voting members shall be staggered as follows:

- A. Five shall be appointed for one year;
  - B. Five shall be appointed for two years; and
  - C. ~~Ten~~Eleven shall be appointed for three years.
- Thereafter, the successors to the first appointment shall be appointed for 3-year terms.