

MOTION NO. M2011-18
Citizen Oversight Panel Reappointments

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Executive Committee	3/3/11	Recommendation to Board	Kathy Albert, Executive Programs Advisor	206-398-5456
Board	3/24/11	Final Action		

PROPOSED ACTION

Reappointing David Russell and Robert Goldstein to the Citizen Oversight Panel, to serve a second term of four years beginning March 2011 and expiring March 2015.

KEY FEATURES

- Dr. Russell and Mr. Goldstein were appointed by the Board to serve on the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years from March 2007 through March 2011. Dr. Russell and Mr. Goldstein have both completed their first four-year term and are both eligible and willing to serve a second four-year term. This action would extend their terms through March 2015.
- Dr. Russell represents East King County and Mr. Goldstein represents North King County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel is a 15-member panel of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit performance in delivering on the commitments in Sound Move and ST2.

The Citizen Oversight Panel is an advisory committee charged with an annual review of Sound Transit's performance and financial plan, and provides reports and recommendations to the Board. The COP monitors Sound Transit's performance in the following areas:

- adherence to its public commitments
- open and timely involvement of citizens
- the process of evaluating project alternatives
- capital and operating budgets and finance plans
- management of the regional fund
- equity in subarea budgets and reporting
- adherence to schedules and budgets
- review of annual performance audits

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

Not applicable to this action.

BACKGROUND

The Board created a Citizen Oversight Panel in 1996 to monitor Sound Transit's performance in carrying out commitments in Sound Move. Motion No. M2002-87 established the terms of service for those appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel as well as the process for reappointing members to serve on the Panel. The motion allows panel members to serve two, four-year terms.

This action will reappoint Mr. Russell and Mr. Goldstein to second terms which will extend their terms to end in 2015. These appointments will maintain representation for East King County and North King County.

Dr. Russell is a retired professor and chair of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the University of Washington. He earned his Ph.D. at Caltech, worked in aircraft, energy and medical engineering, and co-founded a successful engineering research firm before his retirement in 2000. Mr. Russell is a former elected official, having served as mayor and council member of the City of Kirkland and as president of the Puget Sound Regional Council. He also served on the Sound Transit Board in its early years. Mr. Russell was named Public Official of the Year by the Municipal League of King County in 1996. His current civic involvement includes Futurewise and the Cascade Land Conservancy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 2-23-11

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2002-87 – Regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members.

Motion No. 18 – Committed to the timely establishment of a Citizen Oversight Panel.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would allow Mr. Russell and Mr. Goldstein's terms to expire and would create corresponding vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

An outreach effort for two previously open positions and three positions that will be open at the end of March began in December. Efforts included sending a news release to a wide variety of media and interested individuals as well as posting it on the Sound Transit's website.

LEGAL REVIEW

LA 2/24/11

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mr. David A. Russell and Mr. Robert M. Goldstein are reappointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel, to serve a second term of four years beginning March 2011 and expiring March 2015.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 24, 2011.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator