

MOTION NO. M2015-108
Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	11/19/2015	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Acting Board Administrator

PROPOSED ACTION

Appoints Ms. Faaluaina Pritchard to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning December 2015 and expiring December 2019.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The purpose of this action is to fill a vacancy on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing Pierce County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- The Executive Committee discussed the current Pierce County vacancy at its November meeting. This action was prepared based on the discussion, and recommendations made by Boardmembers from the Pierce County subarea.
- This appointment will bring the membership of the COP up to 14 members. There is currently one other vacancy on the panel representing East King County.

BACKGROUND

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) is a 15-member advisory committee of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit performance in delivering on the commitments it made in Sound Move and ST2.

The COP is 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

When a vacancy arises on the panel, every attempt is made to fill it with an individual whose skills, experience, and demographic characteristics maintain the panel’s geographic balance and diversity. The Citizen Oversight Panel currently has two vacancies, and will have three additional vacancies at the end of 2016. Recruitment is underway to fill one vacancy in East King County.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter within the Sound Transit District;

- Residing and/or work in King County, Pierce County or Snohomish County within the Sound Transit district boundary;
- Having experience/skills in one or more areas of expertise related to the panel's responsibilities-business and finance management, engineering, large projects construction management, public facilities and service, government processes, and public policy development or review; and
- Being able to attend meetings twice each month during normal business hours.

Ms. Pritchard is a resident of Lakewood, Washington, and the Executive Director of Asia Pacific Cultural Center in Tacoma. She has 25 years of experience as a community leader for Asia Pacific communities in Washington State and ran the Korean Women's Association for over 19 years. She has managed large construction projects and also has experience in public policy.

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/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Board and current members of the COP have been actively recruiting members for the Pierce County vacancy. Outreach 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.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the COP membership.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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LEGAL REVIEW

RM 11/13/2015

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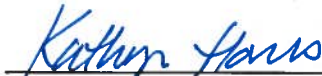
It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Ms. Faaluaina Pritchard be appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning December 2015 and expiring December 2019.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 19, 2015.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator