

MOTION NO. M2015-30

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	03/26/2015	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Acting Board Administrator

PROPOSED ACTION

Appointing Ms. Robin Gold, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Don Monroe, Dr. Mildred Ollée, and Mr. Michael Williams to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2015 and expiring April 2019.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The purpose of this action is to fill three vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing North King County, one vacancy on the COP representing South King County, and one vacancy on the COP representing Pierce County. These appointments will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- At the February Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the current vacancies. The March Executive Committee meeting was cancelled, so appointments are coming directly to the Board based on the recommendations made by Boardmembers from the North King County, South King County and Pierce County subareas.
- These appointments will bring the membership of the COP up to 13 members.

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 five vacancies, and will have two additional vacancies at the end of March 2015. This appointment will fill five vacancies. Recruitment is underway to fill one vacancy in East King County and one vacancy in Pierce 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. Gold is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Washington where she is part of the Master of Sustainable Transportation program. She is a resident of Seattle who has a background in operations engineering for a large particle accelerator, and as a small business owner designing and constructing a biodiesel filling station.

Mr. Harrison is a resident of Seattle and recently retired from Parsons Brinkerhoff where he served as Vice President. He has 46 years of experience in planning, designing and managing the construction of rail transit systems in San Francisco, Washington, New Jersey, Boston, Minneapolis, Denver and Seattle. He served as a Deputy Executive Director and University Link Project Director at Sound Transit from 2006 through 2009.

Mr. Monroe served as CEO of Pierce Transit from 1981 to 2006 and previously served as General Manager for the Broward County Mass Transit Division and ICG Railroad Commuter Rail Division. He would bring experience in all the areas sought by the Citizen Oversight Pane, including Business and Financial Management, Engineering, Public Facilities & Services, Large Projects Construction Management, Government Processes and Public Policy Development or Review. Mr. Monroe is currently retired and resides in University Place, Washington.

Dr. Ollée is a resident of Federal Way who served as President of Seattle Central Community College and Executive Dean/CEO of Cascade Campus in the Portland Community College District. She earned her doctorate in educational leadership from Seattle University and a master's degree in education from Walla Walla College. Her background includes experience in business and financial management, government processes and public policy review.

Mr. Williams has a background in design, management and management oversight of infrastructure projects. He is a resident of Seattle and previously served in the Maryland Air National Guard Civil Engineering Squadron and as a regional engineer for the Federal Transit Administration Pacific Northwest Region 10. He is a certified Project Management Professional and currently works as a Principal and Project Manager for a company he founded, Projecto Managerial, LLC. As a consultant for HDR he provided management/coordination for Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail from Tacoma to Lakewood, including 2006-09 work on the D Street to M Street Alternative Alignment study and the Sounder Commuter Rail Inspection and Maintenance Manual.

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 North King County and Pierce County vacancies since 2013, and for the South King County vacancy since 2014. 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

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MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Ms. Robin Gold, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Don Monroe, Dr. Mildred Ollée, and Mr. Michael Williams are appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning April 2015 and expiring April 2019.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on March 26, 2015.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Acting Board Administrator