

MOTION NO. M2017-146

**Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment**

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	11/16/2017	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer <b>Katie Flores, Board Administrator</b>

PROPOSED ACTION

Appointing Dr. James Peyton to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning December 1, 2017, and expiring November 30, 2021.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- The purpose of this action is to fill one vacancy on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing South King County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- This appointment will bring the membership of the COP up to 13 members.

BACKGROUND

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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 three vacancies. This appointment will fill one vacancy. Recruitment is underway to fill one vacancy in North King County and one vacancy in Pierce County.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter within the Sound Transit District.
- Residing and/or working 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.

- Being able to attend meetings twice each month during normal business hours.

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#### FISCAL INFORMATION

Not applicable to this action.

#### 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, South King County, and Pierce County vacancies since June 2017. Outreach efforts included sending a news release to a wide variety of media, libraries, colleges, and interested individuals, as well as posting it on the Sound Transit website.

#### TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 11/7/17

#### LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 11/8/17

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**MOTION:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Dr. James Peyton is appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning December 1, 2017, and expiring November 30, 2021.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2017.



Dave Somers  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator