



Summary Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting December 9, 2021

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Kent Keel virtually on WebEx. The meeting was streamed on:

<https://soundtransit.webex.com/soundtransit/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee361c2d87f61298c99703534edbf717d>

Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chair
(P) Kent Keel, University Place Councilmember	(P) Paul Roberts, Everett Councilmember (P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Board Members	
(P) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor	(A) Jenny Durkan, Seattle Mayor
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember	(P) Julie Meredith, WSDOT Secretary Alternate
(P) Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive	(A) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Welcome Boardmember Backus

Chair Keel reminded the Committee that a motion to appoint Boardmember Nancy Backus to the Executive Committee occurred at the November 2021 Board meeting. He welcomed her to her first meeting as a Committee member.

Monthly Contract Report

The monthly contract report was included in members' meeting packets for review.

CEO Report

CEO Rogoff provided the CEO report.

Federal Update – Congress reached an agreement to fund the government through February 18, 2022 ahead of the expiration of existing appropriations. The Continuing Resolution was clean and featured almost no changes to existing spending and saved for an extra \$7 billion to cover the cost of resettling Afghan refugees who were evacuated after the U.S. withdrawal last September. Democrats in the Senate continued to negotiate provisions of the Build Back Better Act, also known as the human infrastructure bill. The Majority Leader was committed to bringing the bill to the Senate floor prior to the Christmas recess, but the political and procedure paths needed to meet that schedule were significant. As a reminder, there was \$10 billion for the Affordable Housing Access Program, which was a joint initiative of the Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development to

improve access to affordable housing and mobility for low-income riders. The agency's Equitable Transit Oriented Development program would be well positioned to benefit from this legislation.

Youth Achievement Center Letter of Concurrence

Sound Transit staff had been working over the last months to advance the transfer of two surplus properties near the Columbia City Link light rail station to a community-led coalition who was seeking to create a Youth Achievement Center and affordable housing project on those properties. In partnership with Sound Transit, the Youth Achievement Center coalition, and the Federal Transit Administration, King County had agreed to act as an intermediary for the property transfer in order to make a no-cost disposition possible. In the month of December 2021, a major milestone was reached with Sound Transit and King County signing a Letter of Concurrence that laid out the process the two agencies would use to complete the transfer. Staff would now work on the Property Transfer Agreements, which would govern the transfer of the properties from Sound Transit to King County and from King County to Africatown Community Land Trust on behalf of the Youth Achievement Coalition. Staff expected to bring the action the Board to consider the key terms of the transfer in 2022.

Boardmember Balducci asked when these actions would take place. CEO Rogoff responded that the process would need to go through public municipality to transfer the property at no cost. It was expected and hoped to be completed by 1Q or 2Q 2022.

Public comment

Chair Keel announced that public comment would be accepted via email to emailtheboard@soundtransit.org and would also be accepted verbally.

No written or verbal public comments were received.

Business items

Items for Final Committee Action

November 4, 2021, Executive Committee meeting minutes

It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by consent of all Board members present that the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

(Boardmember Dammeier arrived at this time).

Motion No. M2021-75: Recommending that the Finance and Audit Committee forward the systemwide programs in the System Expansion-Other and Debt Service and Other portions of the Proposed 2022 Budget and Transit Improvement Plan to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Jenny Stephens, Director of Financial Planning, Analysis and Budget, provided the staff presentation.

Chair Keel asked whether the \$11.5 million in proposed changes was coming out of previously budgeted contingencies or if it was newly acquired funds from another source. Ms. Stephens answered that it was dollars that were being added to the existing projects. The authorized project allocations were the budgets that were set aside for the life of the project. The TIP included the dollars spent to date but also projects needs for the upcoming years, so it would be an addition to that amount.

Motion No. M2021-75 was moved by Boardmember Backus and seconded by Boardmember Balducci.

Chair Keel called for a roll call vote.

Ayes

Nancy Backus
Claudia Balducci
Dow Constantine
Bruce Dammeier
Paul Roberts
Kent Keel

Nays

It was carried by unanimous vote of six committee members present that Motion No. M2021-75 be approved as presented.

Items for Recommendation to the Board

Nominations for Sound Transit Board Officers for Board consideration in December

Chair Keel explained that the Board's Rules and Operating Procedures called for the Executive Committee to meet and develop nominations for the Board Chair and the two Vice Chairs before the current terms expire. The Committee's recommendations would then be brought as nominations to the Board in December. Board officers would be selected by majority vote of all members of the Board and terms were for two years. The Chair and Vice Chairs must be from a different county.

Committee Vice Chair Constantine acknowledged the ordinary two-year terms for the Chair and Vice Chair positions but also noted the projects ahead of the Board which included the CEO Search and implementation of the Board's realignment decision. He then offered that King County to defer its opportunity to Chair for the following year to allow Chair Keel to serve an additional year as chair.

Committee Vice Chair Constantine nominated that Chair Keel from serve an additional year as Sound Transit Board Chair.

He also asked that the Board consider committee leadership that represents all three counties in the region. He noted that Board unity would be particularly important in the coming year.

Boardmember Backus, Balducci, Dammeier, and Roberts echoed Vice Chair Constantine.

Chair Keel acknowledged that Board members who are not members of the committee were present and were able to participate in discussions, but not vote. Boardmember Juarez thanked and echoed Vice Chair Constantine.

Chair Keel explained that with the Chair nomination being from Pierce County, Vice Chair nominations must be from King and Snohomish County.

Boardmember Balducci nominated Boardmember Constantine as the King County Vice Chair.

Boardmember Dammeier stated his agreement with the nomination.

Boardmember Roberts nominated Boardmember Somers as the Snohomish County Vice Chair.

Boardmember Backus stated her agreement with the nomination.

It was moved by Boardmember Dammeier, seconded by Boardmember Backus to recommend that the Board to elect Kent Keel from Pierce County as Chair, Dow Constantine from King County as Vice Chair, and Dave Somers from Snohomish County as Vice Chair all for one-year terms.

Chair Keel called for a roll call vote.

Ayes

Nancy Backus
Claudia Balducci
Dow Constantine
Bruce Dammeier
Paul Roberts
Kent Keel

Nays

It was carried by unanimous vote of six committee members present that the recommendation be forwarded to the Board as presented.

Board Administrator’s note: Following the meeting, Motion No. M2021-82 and Motion No. M2021-83 were drafted to advance the Committee’s recommendation.

Chair Keel noted that at the December 2021 Board meeting, Secretary Millar would preside over the election portion of the Board meeting. Each position would be considered individually, starting with the Chair position. For each position, Secretary Millar would announce the Executive Committee nominations and call for any additional nominations.

Motion No. M2021-76: Reappointing Dr. James Peyton to the Citizen Oversight Panel to serve a second term of four years beginning December 1, 2021, and expiring November 30, 2025.

Motion No. M2021-76 was moved by Boardmember Backus , seconded by Committee Vice Chair Roberts.

Chair Keel called for a voice vote.

It was carried by unanimous vote of six committee members present that Motion No. M2021-76 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Reports to the Committee

There were no Reports to the Committee.

Executive Session – None

Other business – None

Next meeting


Thursday, January 6, 2021
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Virtually via WebEx

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



Kent Keel
Executive Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on February 3, 2022, JG