

Motion No. M2023-95

Reappointing Mark Riker as the Labor Liaison to the Sound Transit Board for another four-year term

| Meeting: | Date: | Type of action: | Staff contact: |
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| Executive Committee | 12/07/2023 | Recommend to Board | Julie Timm, CEO |
| Board | 12/15/2023 | Final action | Katie Flores, Deputy Executive Director, Board Administration |

Proposed action

Reappointing Mark Riker as the Labor Liaison to the Sound Transit Board for another four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2027.

Key features summary

- In August 2019, through Motion No. M2019-79, the Board authorized the appointment of a labor liaison to advise the Board.
- In December 2019, the Board appointed Mark Riker to a four-year term as Sound Transit's labor liaison beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023. His appointment was based on the recommendation submitted by the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO and the recommendation of the Sound Transit Executive Committee.
- In September 2023, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO recommended that Mark Riker be reappointed to serve another four-year term as the Sound Transit labor liaison.
- Mr. Riker is the Executive Secretary of the Washington Building Trades Council, representing the building and construction trades unions from the entire state of Washington including Snohomish, Pierce and King Counties.
- If reappointed, Mr. Riker will continue to fulfill the requirements for the labor liaison outlined in Motion No. M2019-79 to:
 - Participate in committee meeting discussions regarding any proposed board action that could impact the labor forces required to build and operate the agency's transit systems, or Board discussions if such an action will be considered by the full Board without prior committee review.
 - Serve a four-year term, reside within the Sound Transit District, and be recommended by the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
 - Disclose any relationship or transaction that would constitute a conflict-of-interest under Sound Transit's code of ethics (Resolution No. 81-2) before participating in committee discussions.

Background

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Fiscal information

Not applicable to this action.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

A one month delay would not have any policy or legal impact.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2019-120: Appointed Mark Riker as the Labor Liaison to the Sound Transit Board for a term of four years beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2023.

Motion No M2019-79: Authorized the appointment of a labor liaison to advise the Board.

Environmental review – KH 10/25/23

Legal review – AJP 10/25/23



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mark Riker is reappointed as the Labor Liaison to the Sound Transit Board for another four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2027.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2023.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator