



## Motion No. M2024-29

### Community Oversight Panel Appointments

| Meeting: | Date:      | Type of action: | Staff contact:   |
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| Board    | 05/23/2024 | Final action    | Katie Flores, Deputy Executive Director, Board Administration<br><b>Adam Montee, Senior Program Manager-Board Support Services</b> |

### Proposed action

Appointing Mark Lewington and Zak Osborne to the Community Oversight Panel to serve a term of three years beginning June 1, 2024, and expiring May 31, 2027.

### Key features summary

- In June 2023, Community Oversight Panel (COP) member Tracy Oster resigned with approximately two years left on her term. In January 2024, member Joe Scorcio's first term expired, and he did not seek a second term. In February 2024, member Gabriel Clark resigned with approximately half of his term remaining. Each of these members represented the Pierce County geographical subarea, leaving three vacancies on the panel.
- Recruitment to fill the vacancies began following the first resignation in 2023 and continued into 2024 as the remaining vacancies occurred.
- This would be the first term for each of the appointees. If willing, they would be eligible to serve two additional three-year terms.
- Mark Lewington and Zak Osborne live in the Pierce County subarea.

### Background

The Sound Transit Community Oversight Panel is a 15-member advisory committee of community volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit's performance in delivering on the commitments it made in Sound Move, ST2, and ST3. The COP is charged with an annual review of Sound Transit's performance and financial plan and provides reports and recommendations to the Board.

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- Project schedule and budget adherence
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- Passenger experience

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COP Candidate qualifications include:

- Residing and/or working in King County, Pierce County, or Snohomish County within the Sound Transit district boundary.
- Having experience, skills, or insight in one or more of the Community Oversight Panel's responsibilities - community engagement activities, project planning and alignment decisions, budget and financial plan, project schedule and budget adherence, agency performance audits, social justice and equity, and passenger experience.
- Being able to attend meetings once each month in the evening, either in person or via virtual meeting platform.

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Mr. Osborne is from Bonney Lake and is currently working toward his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington, where he serves on a number of advocacy organizations. He is a frequent transit user and brings experience in community engagement activities, social justice and equity, and passenger experience.

### **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 create a significant impact to the Community Oversight Panel.

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**Environmental review** – KH 5/14/24

**Legal review** – DLM 5/17/24

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### **Motion**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Mark Lewington and Zak Osborne are appointed to the Community Oversight Panel to serve a term of three years beginning June 1, 2024, and expiring May 31, 2027.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 23, 2024.



Dow Constantine  
Board Chair

**Attest:**



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator