

Motion No. M2024-29

Community Oversight Panel Appointments

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

Proposed action

Appointing Miriah Barry, 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.
- Miriah Berry, 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.

The current responsibilities include monitoring Sound Transit's performance in the following areas:

- Community engagement activities
- Project planning and alignment decisions
- Budget and financial plan
- Project schedule and budget adherence
- Agency performance audits
- Social justice and equity

- 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.

At its May 2, 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee received nominations to appoint Miriah Barry, Mark Lewington, and Zak Osborne to serve on the panel representing the Pierce King County subarea. The committee directed that the appointments be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Ms. Berry is a sales professional at Amazon and serves on the city of Milton Park Board. She commutes into Seattle from Pierce County on a daily basis and would bring experience in community engagement activities, project planning and alignment decisions, and social justice and equity.

Mr. Lewington is now retired but brings more than 40 years of experience as a corporate and regulatory attorney. He also served in many roles in community-based organizations in the greater Tacoma area. He would bring experience community engagement activities, project planning and alignment decisions, Budget and financial plan, agency performance audits, and passenger experience.

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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 create a significant impact to the Community Oversight Panel.

Environmental review – KH 5/14/24

Legal review – DLM 5/17/24

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority Miriah Barry, 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 _____.

Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator