



Motion No. M2021-76

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointment

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Executive Committee Board	12/09/2021 12/16/2021	Recommend to Board Final action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Board Administrator

Proposed action

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.

Key features summary

- In 2017 the Board appointed Dr. Peyton to serve on the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years until November 30, 2021.
- He is completing his first four-year term and is eligible and willing to serve a second four-year term. This action would extend his term through November 30, 2025.
- Dr. Peyton represents South King County. This appointment will maintain representation for South King County.

Background

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) is a 15-member advisory committee of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit 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 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.
- 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 eight vacant positions, two in Snohomish County, one in East King County, two in North King County, two in South King County and one in Pierce County. Recruitment is

underway to fill the eight vacancies. Staff is also currently conducting outreach on changes the Board could take to encourage greater panel diversity. These proposed changes will be brought to the Executive Committee and Board for further discussion and direction in early 2022.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter.
- 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 in person or via teleconference.

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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

There is no consequence if this action is delayed, the current members are able to continue to serve until they're either reappointed or another appointment is made by the Board.

Environmental review – KH 12/2/21

Legal review – AJP 12/3/21



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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 reappointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel to serve a second term of four years beginning December 1, 2021, and expiring November 30, 2025.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 16, 2021.



Paul Roberts
Board Vice Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator