



Motion No. M2022-74

Community Oversight Panel Appointments

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Board	08/25/2022	Final action	Kathy Albert, Chief Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Board Administrator

Proposed action

Appointing Diana Cambronero Venegas, Gabriel Clark, Carston Curd, Lorenzo Frazier, Charlotte Murry, Thomas Norcott, Tracy Oster, Tina Pierce, and Lucas Simons to the Community Oversight Panel to serve terms of three years beginning September 1, 2022, and expiring August 31, 2025.

Key features summary

- Due to a series of resignations in 2020 and early 2021, the Community Oversight Panel (COP) has been operating with nine vacancies since this time in 2021.
- Recruitment for the vacancies began in 2021 but was put on hold while the Board considered updates to the panel including changes to the panel name, responsibilities, and member terms to better attract a diverse applicant pool.
- If approved, this action would bring the COP back to its full complement of 15 members.
- This would be the first term for all appointees listed above. All appointees, were they willing, would be eligible to serve two additional three-year terms.
- Charlotte Murry and Thomas Norcott live and/or work in the Snohomish County subarea; Tina Pierce and Lucas Simons live and/or work in the North King County subarea; Carston Curd lives and/or works in the East King County subarea; Diana Cambronero Venegas and Lorenzo Frazier live and/or work in the South King County subarea; and Tracy Oster and Gabriel Clark live and/or work in the Pierce County subarea.
- These appointments will maintain equal representation across all five geographic subareas.

Background

The Sound Transit Community Oversight Panel (COP) 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.

In March 2022, the Board approved Resolution No. R2022-05 to establish updated responsibilities and parameters for the panel including changes to the panel's responsibilities, member terms and requirements, and a change to the panel's name. The changes approved by the Board have been implemented and served as the basis for the current appointments.

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

In April 2022, a new recruitment effort began to seek individuals whose skills and experience increase the panel's diversity while also maintaining a balance between the five geographic subareas within the Sound Transit district. The Community Oversight Panel currently has nine vacant positions, two in Snohomish County, one in East King County, two in North King County, two in South King County and two in Pierce County. This action would fill all nine vacancies, bringing the panel up to its full complement of 15 members.

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 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 in person or via virtual meeting platform.

In August 2022, the Executive Committee received nine nominations for panel appointments.

Diane Cambronero Venegas is a resident of Des Moines and Customer Service Specialist with the Washington State Department of Licensing, working directly with people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Diane is a DSHS Certified Social Services Spanish Interpreter and brings a passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion to her work.

Gabriel Clark is a customer service representative with Columbia State Bank and served as the former Vice Chair of the Puyallup Planning Commission. He has a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies, Community Planning and Development from UW-Tacoma.

Carston Curd is a geologist by trade, but also serves on the City of Bothell's Planning Commission since 2019, currently acting as the Chair pro tem. He supports a number of grassroots and community centered causes in the Northshore area and in the Puget Sound region and is a frequent transit user.

Lorenzo Frazier is a project manager for King County Metro Capital Planning living in Federal Way. Lorenzo has a close connection to transit, having previously worked with a contractor installing Tacoma Link, and as a part time bus operator with King County Metro.

Charlotte Murry is an executive administrator for the Snohomish County Labor Council. She also serves on the United Way of Snohomish County Board of Directors and Stanwood Camano School Board, where she sits on the Equity Committee, working to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the district.

Thomas Norcott, a resident of Everett since 1984, serves on the Snohomish County Planning Commission and Everett Council of Neighborhoods Executive Committee as a representative of the Harborview Seahurst Glenhaven neighborhood association, of which he is the chairman.

Tracy Oster is the Executive Director of Downtown on the Go in Tacoma and has over 17 years' experience as a non-profit executive. This includes past experience as the Executive Director of Communities in Schools in Federal Way and as a volunteer in many other community organizations.

Tina Pierce has been in various accounting roles with Milliman, Inc. since 2001. She is a resident of Seattle and a frequent transit rider. As an accountant, she brings professional insight into the agency's adherence to budgets and projects schedules. She has an interest in how the agency is meeting its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion commitments to staff and riders.

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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 extend the current vacancies. Although there is no significant consequence if the vacancies are not filled this month, the current Community Oversight Panel members have expressed concerns about the length of time to fill the vacancies.

Environmental review – KH 8/18/22

Legal review – AJP 8/19/22



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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 25, 2022.



Dave Somers
Board Vice Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator