Community Oversight Panel Appointments

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Why we are here

• Review the process for Community Oversight Panel appointments to inform potential recommendations.
Community Oversight Panel Overview

• Established in 1997 as a 15-member volunteer panel

• The panel monitors and provides recommendations concerning 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
2022 Panel Refresh

Resolution No. R2022-05

• Adopted by the Board in March 2022.
• Identified changes to the panel intended to attract applicants with more diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
• Updated the structure and responsibilities of the panel, and the candidate eligibility
• Accompanied by the panel’s change to evening meetings once a month.
Current Panel Openings

• Nine Current openings:
  o Snohomish County – Two vacancies
  o North King County – Two vacancies
  o East King County – One vacancy
  o South King County – Two vacancies
  o Pierce County – Two vacancies

Filling the vacancies in each subarea would keep the panel balanced with three representatives for each subarea.
Recruitment Efforts

• Sound Transit advertises panel openings in the following ways:
  • Press release
  • Social media including Twitter and blog posts
  • Outreach to local groups, and groups working with minority populations.

• Following the panel refresh in March and subsequent recruitment, more than 30 applications have been submitted in addition to those received beforehand.
Appointments to the Community Oversight Panel

- Appointments are for three years, and each subarea must have at least two members.
- Panel members can serve up to three three-year terms.
- The Executive Committee hears recommendations from Board members in the subarea where there is a panel vacancy and identifies individual applicants the Board should consider for appointment.
- The Board considers an action to appoint members recommended by the Executive Committee to the panel.
Thank you.