

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2009-92

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract for legal services with the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine and ratifying execution of a litigation services contract with the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine.

Background:

In April of 2009, Sound Transit issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) (RTA/LE66-09) for 17 categories of legal services. A selection committee evaluated each of the proposals and determined that each of the 34 firms and/or solo practitioners was qualified to perform legal work in one or more of the categories. The law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine was among the firms determined responsive to the RFP. Pursuant to Motion No. M2001-61 which authorizes expenditures to fund legal services provided by attorneys on a Finance Committee approved on-call legal service roster, the chief executive officer has or intends to enter into contracts with each of the responsive firms and/or solo practitioners.

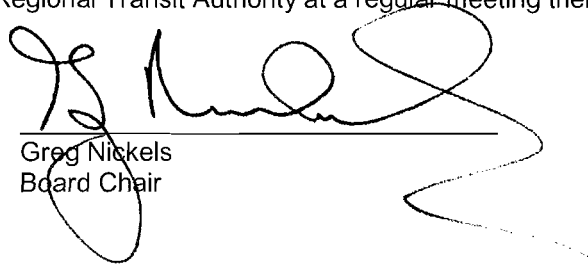
The chief executive officer has described to the Board of Directors that the general counsel of Sound Transit has a potential interest in the contracts with Davis Wright Tremaine because of his spouse's partnership in the law firm and the steps taken to limit or eliminate that potential interest and to restrict the general counsel's management of the contracts. It is appropriate for the chief executive officer to seek specific Board authority to contract with Davis Wright Tremaine.

In March 2009, the chief executive officer entered into a contract with Davis Wright Tremaine for litigation services, per authority delegated by the Board to the chief executive officer in Resolution No.78-1, Section 7.C.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to enter into a contract for general legal services with the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine. Execution of the contract for litigation services with Davis Wright Tremaine is hereby ratified. The chief executive officer shall continue to implement steps to limit or eliminate the potential interest of the general counsel in the contracts and to restrict the general counsel's management of the contracts for so long as the potential interest may exist.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 22, 2009.



Greg Nickels
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator