

MOTION NO. M2012-58
Citizen Oversight Panel Reappointments

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Board	8/23/12	Final Action	Kathy Albert, Executive Programs Advisor	206-398-5456

PROPOSED ACTION

Reappointing Dr. Josh Benaloh, Mr. Stuart Scheuerman, Mr. Bruce Seiber and Mr. Vic K. Sood to the Citizen Oversight Panel, to serve a second term of four years beginning September 2012 and expiring September 2016.

KEY FEATURES

- Dr. Benaloh, Mr. Scheuerman, Mr. Seiber and Mr. Sood were all appointed by the Board to serve on the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years from September 2008 until September 2012. All four panel members have completed their first four-year term and are eligible and willing to serve a second four-year term. This action would extend their terms through September 2016.
- Dr. Benaloh represents East King County, Mr. Sood represents Snohomish County and Mr. Scheuerman and Mr. Seiber represent Pierce County. These appointments will maintain representation for East King County, Snohomish County and Pierce County.
- Mr. Scheuerman currently serves as Chair of the COP and Dr. Benaloh serves as Vice Chair.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel is a 15-member panel of citizen volunteers appointed by the Sound Transit Board to monitor and report on Sound Transit performance in delivering on the commitments in Sound Move and ST2.

The Citizen Oversight Panel is an advisory committee 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
- management of the regional fund
- equity in subarea budgets and reporting
- adherence to schedules and budgets
- review of annual performance audits

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

Not applicable to this action.

BACKGROUND

The Board created a Citizen Oversight Panel in 1996 to monitor Sound Transit's performance in carrying out commitments in Sound Move. Motion No. M2002-87 established the terms of service for those appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel as well as the process for reappointing members to serve on the Panel. The motion allows panel members to serve two, four-year terms.

This action will reappoint Dr. Benaloh, Mr. Scheuerman, Mr. Seiber and Mr. Sood to second terms which will extend their terms to end in 2016.

Dr. Benaloh is Senior Cryptographer at Microsoft Research and an affiliate faculty member in Computer Science at the University of Washington. In addition to his background in technology, Dr. Benaloh has a deep interest in urban planning and transportation. He is a resident of Redmond where he serves on the Overlake Neighborhood Citizen Advisory Committee and the Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide Advisory Panel. Dr. Benaloh holds degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yale University.

Mr. Scheuerman is a resident of Sumner where he previously served six years as a city councilmember; he served on the city's Regional Transit Authority Task Force and Design Review Commission, along with serving as president of the Rainier Communication Commission and is currently on the Sumner Arts Festival Board of Directors. Mr. Scheuerman is a civil engineering project manager, a licensed engineering geologist who worked with ESM Consulting Engineers in Federal Way for 19 years and is the president of BRS Development Company. Mr. Scheuerman has also served on Washington State's Joint Task Force on Green Buildings and is a current member of the APWA Stormwater Managers Committee. Mr. Scheuerman has degrees from Franklin Pierce University and Utah Technical College at Salt Lake.

Mr. Seiber is a senior program manager with 25 years of experience in cost, schedule, and performance execution; logistical support; requirements analysis; and programming and budgeting, with the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense and most recently Northrop Grumman Corporation. Mr. Seiber is also a certified middle school teacher and taught algebra in the University Place School District. Mr. Seiber resides in University Place and works in Lakewood. He has degrees from the University of Puget Sound and the University of Southern California.

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There are currently three vacancies on the COP; these positions represent the Pierce, South King and East King subareas. A future action will be brought to the Board to fill the current vacancies. Following these four reappointments, and three new appointments, the COP will have a full panel of 15 members.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2008-83: Appointing Mr. Josh Benaloh, Mr. Michael Murphy, Mr. Stuart Scheuerman, Mr. Bruce Seiber and Mr. Vic K. Sood to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years each beginning September 2008 and expiring September 2012.

Motion No. M2002-87: Regarding the terms of Citizen Oversight Panel members.

Motion No. 18: Committing to the timely establishment of a citizen oversight panel.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not have a significant impact. COP members whose terms have expired continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

An outreach effort for two of the open positions began in May, an outreach effort for the additional open position will begin shortly. Efforts included sending a news release to a wide variety of media and interested individuals as well as posting it on the Sound Transit website.

LEGAL REVIEW

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MOTION:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Dr. Josh Benaloh, Mr. Stuart Scheuerman, Mr. Bruce Seiber and Mr. Vic K. Sood are reappointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel, to serve a second term of four years beginning September 2012 and expiring September 2016.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 23, 2012.



Julia Patterson
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator