



Motion No. M2019-96

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Board	08/22/2019	Final action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Board Administrator

Proposed action

Appointing Ms. Janice Berlin and Ms. Helen Powell to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning September 1, 2019, and expiring August 31, 2023.

Key features summary

- The purpose of this action is to fill two vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing Snohomish County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- The Executive Committee met in August and recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Berlin and Ms. Powell to the COP to represent Snohomish County.
- This appointment will bring the membership of the COP up to 13 members.

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 four vacancies. This appointment will fill two vacancies. Recruitment is underway to fill two vacancies in Pierce County.

Candidate qualifications include:

- Being a registered voter within the Sound Transit District.

- 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.

Ms. Berlin has retired from a career at King County Metro where she worked as Chief in the King County Metro Transit Control Center, as a First Line Supervisor and as a Communications Coordinator. She has 32 years of experience as a transit professional and brings knowledge of regional transit issues, business management, public policy development or review and government processes. She currently resides in Edmonds, WA.

Ms. Powell is currently the manager of radiology grants administration for the University of Washington and has prior experience in the healthcare field in both administration and research capacities. She has a Master's degree in Analytical Chemistry as well as Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry. She brings experience in the areas of business management, public facilities and services, financial management and government processes. She currently resides in Lynnwood, WA.

Fiscal information

Not applicable to this action.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

The Board and current members of the COP have been actively recruiting members for the Snohomish County and Pierce County vacancies since March 2019. Outreach efforts included sending a news release to a wide variety of media, libraries, colleges, and interested individuals, as well as posting it on the Sound Transit website.

Time constraints

The COP currently has only one representative for Snohomish County. A one-month delay would maintain the current Snohomish County vacancies on the panel.

Environmental review – KH 8/13/19

Legal review – AJP 8/16/19



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Ms. Janice Berlin and Ms. Helen Powell are appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning September 1, 2019, and expiring August 31, 2023.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 22, 2019.



John Marchione
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator