



Motion No. M2020-06

Citizen Oversight Panel Appointments

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Executive Committee Board	01/16/2020 01/23/2020	Recommend to Board Final action	Kathy Albert, Strategic Business Officer Katie Flores, Board Administrator

Proposed action

Appointing Ms. Hally Bert, Mr. Brett Johnson and Mr. Joseph Scorcio to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February 1, 2020, and expiring January 31, 2024.

Key features summary

- The purpose of this action is to fill three vacancies on the Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) representing Pierce County. This appointment will fulfill the minimum representation requirement of two members for each subarea.
- The Executive Committee met in January and recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Bert, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scorcio to the COP to represent Pierce County.
- These appointments will bring the membership of the COP up to 14 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 three vacancies. Recruitment is underway to fill one vacancy in North King 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. Bert is currently Community Partnerships Manager for Downtown On the Go. She also has previous experience as a Community and Business Outreach Specialist for the City of Tacoma. Ms. Bert graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, ME with a BA in Political Economy and Mathematics. She also serves on the Puyallup Watershed Initiative, with past service on the Hilltop Engagement Committee and the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council. She currently resides in Tacoma, WA.

Mr. Johnson is a Co-founder of Wane + Fritch LLC, which is a saw mill and wood shop focused on milling urban salvaged logs. Mr. Johnson also has served as Watch Supervisor providing radar air traffic control services to civilian and military air aircraft in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Mr. Johnson also served as Air Traffic Journeyman for civilian and military aircraft in Boise, Idaho and Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia. He currently resides in Tacoma, WA.

Mr. Scorcio is now retired. He served as City Manager and Community and Economic Development Director for City of SeaTac. Mr. Scorcio has served in a numerous amount of other roles at Pierce County since 1984, most recently as Public Development Manager/Deputy Utility Manager for Pierce County in the Sewer Utility Division and Public Development Division. Mr. Scorcio served as Assistant Planning Director for the City of Coeur d'Alene and as County Planning/Planning Director for Kootenai County in Idaho. He currently resides in University Place, WA.

Fiscal information

Not applicable to this action.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Sound Transit has been actively recruiting members for the Pierce County vacancies since September 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 no representatives for Pierce County. A one-month delay would extend the current vacancies on the panel for Pierce County representatives.

Environmental review – KH 01/16/2020

Legal review – AJP 01/16/2020



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Ms. Hally Bert, Mr. Brett Johnson and Mr. Joseph Scorcio are appointed to the Citizen Oversight Panel for a term of four years beginning February 1, 2020, and expiring January 31, 2024.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 23, 2020.



Kent Keel
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator