

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:
 - Snohomish County – Two vacancies
 - North King County – Two vacancies
 - East King County – One vacancy
 - South King County – Two vacancies
 - 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.

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