

03/03/2025 Executive Committee Meeting  
Written Public Comment Submissions

Submissions

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## *Braeden Van Deynze*

Please do not appoint Dow Constantine to the CEO position.

Every board member appointed by Constantine has a clear and irreconcilable conflict of interest. Failing to recuse is an ethical lapse that won't be easy to forgive. And without the 9 members representing King County, it will be impossible to legitimately hire a CEO. Therefore, Constantine must be immediately removed from consideration in order for the process to proceed.

Please be aware that there are several organizations currently drafting legislation that would dissolve the ST Board due to repeated governance failures. I say this as an active progressive organizer: Do not hire Dow. It will almost certainly lead to a sustained, active, and credible push to completely eliminate the power of the existing board to directly influence ST. This would be a bridge too far. There will be no coming back from a governance failure like this.

Braeden Van Deynze  
Seattle

## *Jason Rock*

Hello Board members,

I just want to add my voice to the growing chorus of people that are concerned with the possibility of naming current KC Exec Constantine to be the next ST CEO. Board member Constantine has been an effective elected leader in our community, but the next ST CEO must be a transportation professional, not an elected leader. I am very concerned that Dow Constantine will not be an effective CEO for the agency at this juncture, and would ask that the board choose a different candidate preferably someone with a history of success leading a transportation agency, and not a politician.

Best,

Jason Rock  
Seattle Resident and frequent light rail rider

## *Daniel Cavazos*

Hello,

Constantine has been a great politician doing lots of great work for King County. But he has always put politics first. He has zero experience being an executive of a transportation organization.

The job of the CEO should be to push against convenient political instinct and instead to push for the best possible transit system on the best possible timeline. Constantine has done the opposite. He has repeatedly pushed to accommodate political concern, causing costly delay and degrading the transit users experience.

Constantine also would be a choice to maintain the status quo of delay and cost overrun. We need someone from the outside to help transform ST into a time and money efficient organization.

Do not select Constantine as CEO of Sound Transit.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cavazos