## Board Composition Review Meeting Agenda
July 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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COMPOSITION REVIEW MEETING

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Representatives Present:

Don Anderson, Lakewood
Tim Curtis, Fife
Daryl Eidinger, Edgewood
Nancy Henderson, Steilacoom
Kent Keel, University Place
Doug Richardson, Pierce County
Rick Talbert, Pierce County
Heather Shadko, Puyallup
Richard Wagner, Auburn
Brent Wittner, Fircrest

Others Present:

Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board
Dana Henderson, Pierce Transit General Counsel
Sue Dreier, Pierce Transit CEO
BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
June 29, 2016, at 3720 96th Street Southwest, Rainier
Conference Room, Lakewood, Washington, at 6:06 p.m.,
the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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MS. DREIER: So good evening.
Thank you for coming. My name is -- I think I've met
everybody in the room. I'm Sue Dreier, the CEO of
Pierce Transit. And because there's not currently a
chair for this group, I will go ahead and call the
2016 Pierce Transit board composition review meeting
to order at 6:07.
So what is the purpose of today's meeting? Okay,
where am I getting on my slides here? I'll get my
assistant to get my slides going. Thank you.
Thank you. So, by law, every four years, the
composition of Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners
is to be reviewed.

MR. TALBERT: Hey, Sue.

MS. DREIER: Yes.

MR. TALBERT: Before you do that,
maybe we should just go around and introduce ourselves.

MS. DREIER: That's next.
MR. TALBERT: Oh.

MS. DREIER: I was going to wait just so we can make sure -- I'm only doing a little bit, and then we're going to do introductions.

MR. TALBERT: All right.

MS. DREIER: I'm assuming others would come in. It looks like one person did.

Okay. So here, this is the law. By the law, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners has to be reviewed by a body convened for a single purpose of deciding whether the composition of the board should stay the same as it is today or change. So at this point, I would like to take roll call by self-introduction.

MR. TALBERT: Great idea.

MS. DREIER: Isn't that a good idea?

Thank you. Would we like to start over here?

MR. ANDERSON: Don Anderson. Don Anderson, City of Lakewood.

MR. CURTIS: Tim Curtis, City of Fife.

MR. WITTNER: Brent Wittner, City of Fircrest.

MR. KEEL: Kent Keel, City of University Place.

MR. TALBERT: Rick Talbert, Pierce County.
MS. SHADKO: Heather Shadko, City of Puyallup.

MR. WAGNER: Rich Wagner, City of Auburn.

MR. EIDINGER: Daryl Eidinger, City of Edgewood.

MS. NANCY HENDERSON: Nancy Henderson, Town of Steilacoom.

MR. RICHARDSON: Doug Richardson, Pierce County Council.

MS. DREIER: Okay. That's everybody in attendance. So that's one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine -- ten. So we have ten. So it means that, by a vote, we would need six for a vote to pass tonight.

With that being said, am I going to do a chair nomination now, Deanne, or are you?

MS. JACOBSON: I can do it, but let you finish your part.

MS. DREIER: Okay. So the county council is -- all county councilors are invited to attend the meeting, as is one representative from each of the cities in our PTBA, in our boundary. As I said, a quorum of 50 percent of those of you present at the beginning of the meeting -- so tonight that's ten --
which would be six of you, to take any action to change
the Pierce board composition.

So as you can see, here's the law that says every
four years that we do this. The last board composition
meeting was in 2007, that looked like this one. The
outcome of that board, of that meeting, remained that
the board remained the same.

And then you may recall that in 2013, we had
another board composition meeting, but it was under the
form of a PTIC, the Public Transportation Improvement
Committee. And at that meeting, some of the communities
in the boundary area decided to leave. At that time,
the board composition did shift a bit, as several -- as
the cities had left. So that composition that was
determined at the PTIC in 2012 still exists today.

So the purpose of this meeting, as I said, is to
look at the composition and have this body decide
whether that's the correct composition or not. So there
are two possible outcomes of tonight's meeting: The
makeup of the board changes or the makeup of the board
stays the same. We can only have nine Board of
Commissioners at the end of tonight.

With that being said, I'll let Deanne go ahead. We
need a chair for this meeting. So Deanne will do the
nominations of the chair.
MS. JACOBSON: Yes. Thank you. So the next order is for this body to elect a chair to preside over this meeting. So with that, I will open up nominations for who would like to preside.

MR. ANDERSON: I nominate -- I nominate Rick Talbert the chair of Pierce -- or immediate past chair of Pierce Transit Board.

MS. JACOBSON: Any other nominations? Okay. Seeing none, then it looks like Rick Talbert will preside as the chair.

MR. TALBERT: All right. Thank you.

MS. JACOBSON: And I'm going to give you a script.

MR. TALBERT: Oh. Perfect.

MS. DREIER: We'll give you a script. This meeting only lasts -- it only -- it happens every four years, so we have to remember we had very minimal notes from when it happened the last time.

MR. TALBERT: Okay. All right. So looking at the script here, our first item is approval of the minutes from March 28th, 2007, which have been included in your packet, written in Sanskrit, by the way. So, but at this time, I would entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

MR. KEEL: I move approval.
MR. RICHARDSON: Second.

MR. TALBERT: Been properly moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented from March 28.

Are there any questions or comments concerning the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favor say "aye."

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

MR. TALBERT: Those opposed? All right. The motion carries.

Next item on this evening's agenda is a staff report. We're going to have Deanne -- Deanne Jacobson is going to give the staff report.


So the Pierce Transit Board, obviously their charge is to -- they're the policymakers of the board and they oversee the governance of Pierce Transit.

So right on the slide here is our current composition as the board is today. And so we have two members from the City of Tacoma, one member from the City of Lakewood, and two members from Pierce County Council, one member from City of Puyallup, one member from University Place, and we have an at-large member that represents Fife, Milton, and Edgewood, and another at-large member that represents Auburn, Fircrest, Gig
Harbor, Pacific, Ruston, Steilacoom. So that's the
current composition that we have today.

MR. TALBERT: Okay. Are there any
questions or comments on the current makeup of the
board?

Okay. So after discussion, ask for a motion to
maintain or change the board's composition. Is that the
next item?

MS. DREIER: Well, first we're going
to do an overview. So the next agenda item -- I don't
know if it's on your script -- is overview of Pierce
Transit service area, ridership, and population.

MR. TALBERT: Call on Sue Dreier.

MS. DREIER: Thank you.

So for some of you in the room, you may not be
aware of the services of Pierce Transit. So I just
wanted to go over a few slides that I've been presenting
out in the community. We love to show off this bus.
This is a twin coach. This bus actually was in service
when it was the City of Tacoma bus service way back and
put over a million miles on that bus before it was
retired.

And then Pierce County Public Transportation
Benefit Area was incorporated and founded in 1979. We
cover 279 square miles in Pierce County, and we provide
what we call fixed route, which are the big busses with
the routes that you see around; Shuttle Paratransit,
that's the on-demand service that are for those who are
unable to use the fixed-route bus because a disabling
condition; and then we provide over 300 vanpools that
either originate or end in Pierce County.

So who are our customers? The average age from the
last survey is 34. 39 percent have no working vehicle.
However, I like to kind of turn that upside down and say
61 percent of the people that ride the bus do have a
working vehicle and choose to ride. 44 percent of our
folks that ride have incomes of under 20,000. And they
go to work, school, and recreation on the bus.

This is our current service area. As I said, 292
square miles, 12 cities and towns, and big portions of
unincorporated Pierce County. We actually cover 70
percent of Pierce County's population, and we have
infrastructure in all of those areas, whether that's a
bus stop, a shelter, or a transit station.

This is a system map, and you can see it's -- I
think that we have some around on the tables, which will
show where our fixed-route system goes. In general, the
service area is defined by our fixed-route system. The
Paratransit system only runs within three-quarters of a
mile of a fixed route. That's how the ADA laws were
And next, this is service by the numbers. Currently we have 37 local routes. 140 busses roll out at peak time. We carry over nine million people a year, with 400 -- over 432,000 annual service hours, of which we're growing right now. A hundred vehicles that serve that Paratransit. 368,000 annual boardings on that. And then a pretty robust vanpool of, as I said, 366 vans, which carry 849 annual boardings. That's 849,000 people that are not in their personal vehicle on the freeway.

How come I'm not clicking through? There we go. So we wanted to highlight the population for our PTBA. And this is all the small cities and Tacoma and unincorporated Pierce County of which we serve. And I will point out that Auburn, Milton, and Pacific, it says "part" because part of the population of those areas belong to Pierce Transit and the other part belongs to King County. So those numbers are what we go on.

And then the next number that I want to bring to everyone's attention is the population by our current board representation. And what we've done is broken this into percentages. I thought it was an easier way to look at it. So as Deanne said earlier, University
Place has one seat and then Pacific, Auburn, Ruston, Fircrest, Steilacoom, and Gig Harbor are all represented by one person, and that is about six percent of the population. So if you equal all that, it's a hundred percent.

And I believe that was what we were going to present tonight. And then I want to go back, actually, to that last slide, so we'll just leave it up there. Can I go back to any slides, or...

I'm going to go back to the last one and leave it up there. There we go.

MR. TALBERT: Okay.

MS. DREIER: And now the discussion ensues.

MR. TALBERT: So now we can have a discussion.

So any thoughts or comments on the information that we just were presented by Sue and the current makeup of the Transit board? Any thoughts? I'll jump -- oh. Don.

MR. ANDERSON: Well, I believe a few of us were at PTIC four years ago, and there was a realignment. There was much discussion. And it's worked. I think that the -- the current makeup has been effective. It's given a voice to the outlying communities, a little bit greater proportion than
formerly did. But that hasn't been abused at all. There's not been any internal politics of people ganging up and forming factions. It's been a real thoughtful effort at extended transit service, in some cases on sort of a test basis to try to find some things that work. And I would hope that we leave it alone.

MR. TALBERT: Okay. Other thoughts, comments? Okay.

I'll share mine, I guess, because I was going to make similar comments to the ones that Mayor Anderson just made. Going through the PTIC process, one of the concerns or criticisms that was raised by a number of communities in Pierce County within the transit boundary, leading into that was that there wasn't a voice for certain communities.

And at that time, we did make a change. Pierce County, prior to that, had three seats. The City of Tacoma also had three seats. Both of those entities gave up seats that ultimately became the Edgewood/Milton/Fife seat and created a permanent seat for both University Place and Puyallup. Do I have that right? Yeah.

And so I would agree with Don, that, you know, it's been a few years, and things seem to be working pretty well. Pierce Transit is still climbing out of the
recession and we're still rebuilding our service. Quite frankly, having a broader base and broader voice on the board I think has helped us as we've rebuilt things. So I think we should also leave it as is at this point and let things continue as we continue to build out. That would be my recommendation.

All right. No one else? Commissioner Keel, or Council Member Keel.

MR. KEEL: Thank you.

MR. TALBORT: Deputy Mayor Keel.

MR. KEEL: Thank you, Chair.

So I would -- I would like to make a motion. I move to keep the current composition of the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners as is, because the current composition is appropriate for the Pierce Transit Board.

MS. SHADKO: I'll second that.

MR. TALBORT: Okay. There's been a motion made and seconded to keep the Pierce Transit Board of Directors with the current board composition. Is there any questions or comments on the motion? I don't see any.

All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

MR. TALBORT: Those opposed? Motion
1 carries.
2 With that vote, this body has deemed it appropriate
3 to maintain the composition of the Pierce Transit Board.
4 And at this time, I would entertain a motion to
5 adjourn.

6 MR. RICHARDSON: So moved.
7 MR. KEEL: Second.
8 MR. TALBERT: It's been properly
9 moved and seconded to adjourn. Seeing no further
10 comments, all those in favor say "aye."
11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.
12 MR. TALBERT: Those opposed? We are
13 adjourned.

14 (Meeting adjourned at
15 6:22 p.m.)
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County of Pierce  

I, John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR, 

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