



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

ECAF: 2022-0146

Proposal: Motion 22-071

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: February 16, 2022

Consideration:

Confirm the appointment of Christine Frizzell, Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, to the Sound Transit Board of Directors, per RCW 81.112.040 Regional Transit Authority Appointments.

Background:

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member Board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The Board includes 3 members from Snohomish County, 10 from King County, 4 from Pierce County, and the WSDOT secretary.

The appointment of board members is specified in the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) enabling legislation stating that each member of the board, except the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee, shall be:

- (a) an elected official who serves on the legislative authority of a city or as a mayor of a city within the boundaries of the authority; or
- (b) on the legislative authority of the county, if fifty percent of the population of the legislative official's district is within the authority boundaries; or
- (c) a county executive from a member county within authority within the authority boundaries.

When making appointments, each County Executive shall ensure that representation on the board includes an elected city official representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional representation from other cities, and representatives from unincorporated areas of each County within the service area.

The proposed appointment of Christine Frizzell, Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, would serve the remainder of an unfilled board seat vacated by former Mayor Nichola Smith's retirement.

Current Proposal:

The County Executive recommends the appointment of the Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, Christine Frizzell, to fill a vacant position on the Sound Transit Board of Directors.

Scope: The two-year term on the Sound Transit Board beginning February 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023.

Duration: The appointment term is for 2 years (02/01/2022 – 12/31/2023), as per RCW 81.112.040(1)¹, which sets term starts and expiration dates in a staggered format.

Fiscal Implications: NA

2022 Budget: NA

Future Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: EXPEDITE (There is a need to fill a vacant position, no deadline date indicated).

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis: Approving Christine Frizzell, Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, to serve on the Sound Transit Board of Directors, with the term dates of February 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023; aligns with RCW 81.112.040.

Requests: For Council to consider the motion at GLS.

¹ [Chapter 81.112 RCW: REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES \(wa.gov\)](#)