

Virtual Meeting Participation for the Public:

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the July 22, 2020 Board Composition Review Meeting will be conducted by phone. Per the [Governor Proclamation 20-28](#) Open Public Meetings Act, a physical meeting location will not be provided for this meeting. The public is welcome to participate in the meeting by joining via phone by calling 253.215.8782 or 301.715.8592 and entering meeting identification code 854 7072 3222.

1.	Call to Order	
2.	Welcoming Remarks/Purpose of Meeting	Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer
3.	Roll Call	Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board
4.	Election of Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Nomination(s) • Close Nomination(s) by motion/second • Vote 	Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board
5.	Adopting Robert's Rules of Order to Govern Conduct of Meeting	Meeting Chair
6.	Approval of June 29, 2016, Board Composition Review Meeting Transcript	Meeting Chair
7.	Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Pierce Transit • Population Statistics • Current Board Structure • Composition Scenarios 	Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer
8.	Discussion/Deliberations/Vote to Change Pierce Transit Board Composition	Meeting Chair
9.	Adjournment	



Transcript of Proceedings

June 29, 2016

In Re Board Composition Review Meeting



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APPEARANCES

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

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 June 29, 2016, at 3720 96th Street Southwest, Rainier
3 Conference Room, Lakewood, Washington, at 6:06 p.m.,
4 the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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MS. DREIER: So good evening.
9 Thank you for coming. My name is -- I think I've met
10 everybody in the room. I'm Sue Dreier, the CEO of
11 Pierce Transit. And because there's not currently a
12 chair for this group, I will go ahead and call the
13 2016 Pierce Transit board composition review meeting
14 to order at 6:07.

15 So what is the purpose of today's meeting? Okay,
16 where am I getting on my slides here? I'll get my
17 assistant to get my slides going. Thank you.

18 Thank you. So, by law, every four years, the
19 composition of Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners
20 is to be reviewed.

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MR. TALBERT: Hey, Sue.

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MS. DREIER: Yes.

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

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MS. DREIER: That's next.

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1 MR. TALBERT: Oh.

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

5 MR. TALBERT: All right.

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

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

14 MR. TALBERT: Great idea.

15 MS. DREIER: Isn't that a good idea?
16 Thank you. Would we like to start over here?

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

19 MR. CURTIS: Tim Curtis, City of Fife.

20 MR. WITTNER: Brent Wittner, City of
21 Fircrest.

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

24 MR. TALBERT: Rick Talbert, Pierce
25 County.

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1 MS. SHADKO: Heather Shadko, City of
2 Puyallup.

3 MR. WAGNER: Rich Wagner, City of
4 Auburn.

5 MR. EIDINGER: Daryl Eiding, City
6 of Edgewood.

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

9 MR. RICHARDSON: Doug Richardson,
10 Pierce County Council.

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

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

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

20 MS. DREIER: Okay. So the county
21 council is -- all county councilors are invited to
22 attend the meeting, as is one representative from each
23 of the cities in our PTBA, in our boundary. As I said,
24 a quorum of 50 percent of those of you present at the
25 beginning of the meeting -- so tonight that's ten --

1 which would be six of you, to take any action to change
2 the Pierce board composition.

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

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

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

23 With that being said, I'll let Deanne go ahead. We
24 need a chair for this meeting. So Deanne will do the
25 nominations of the chair.

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1 MS. JACOBSON: Yes. Thank you. So
2 the next order is for this body to elect a chair to
3 preside over this meeting. So with that, I will open up
4 nominations for who would like to preside.

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

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

11 MR. TALBERT: All right. Thank you.

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

14 MR. TALBERT: Oh. Perfect.

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

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

25 MR. KEEL: I move approval.

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1 MR. RICHARDSON: Second.

2 MR. TALBERT: Been properly moved and
3 seconded to accept the minutes as presented from March
4 28.

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

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

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

13 MS. JACOBSON: Yes. On the board
14 composition. Mm-hmm. Thank you.

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

18 So right on the slide here is our current
19 composition as the board is today. And so we have two
20 members from the City of Tacoma, one member from the
21 City of Lakewood, and two members from Pierce County
22 Council, one member from City of Puyallup, one member
23 from University Place, and we have an at-large member
24 that represents Fife, Milton, and Edgewood, and another
25 at-large member that represents Auburn, Fircrest, Gig

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1 Harbor, Pacific, Ruston, Steilacoom. So that's the
2 current composition that we have today.

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

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

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

13 MR. TALBERT: Call on Sue Dreier.

14 MS. DREIER: Thank you.

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

23 And then Pierce County Public Transportation
24 Benefit Area was incorporated and founded in 1979. We
25 cover 279 square miles in Pierce County, and we provide

1 what we call fixed route, which are the big busses with
2 the routes that you see around; Shuttle Paratransit,
3 that's the on-demand service that are for those who are
4 unable to use the fixed-route bus because a disabling
5 condition; and then we provide over 300 vanpools that
6 either originate or end in Pierce County.

7 So who are our customers? The average age from the
8 last survey is 34. 39 percent have no working vehicle.
9 However, I like to kind of turn that upside down and say
10 61 percent of the people that ride the bus do have a
11 working vehicle and choose to ride. 44 percent of our
12 folks that ride have incomes of under 20,000. And they
13 go to work, school, and recreation on the bus.

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

20 This is a system map, and you can see it's -- I
21 think that we have some around on the tables, which will
22 show where our fixed-route system goes. In general, the
23 service area is defined by our fixed-route system. The
24 Paratransit system only runs within three-quarters of a
25 mile of a fixed route. That's how the ADA laws were

1 created.

2 And next, this is service by the numbers.

3 Currently we have 37 local routes. 140 busses roll out
4 at peak time. We carry over nine million people a year,
5 with 400 -- over 432,000 annual service hours, of which
6 we're growing right now. A hundred vehicles that serve
7 that Paratransit. 368,000 annual boardings on that.
8 And then a pretty robust vanpool of, as I said, 366
9 vans, which carry 849 annual boardings. That's 849,000
10 people that are not in their personal vehicle on the
11 freeway.

12 How come I'm not clicking through? There we go.

13 So we wanted to highlight the population for our
14 PTBA. And this is all the small cities and Tacoma and
15 unincorporated Pierce County of which we serve. And I
16 will point out that Auburn, Milton, and Pacific, it
17 says "part" because part of the population of those
18 areas belong to Pierce Transit and the other part
19 belongs to King County. So those numbers are what we go
20 on.

21 And then the next number that I want to bring to
22 everyone's attention is the population by our current
23 board representation. And what we've done is broken
24 this into percentages. I thought it was an easier way
25 to look at it. So as Deanne said earlier, University

1 Place has one seat and then Pacific, Auburn, Ruston,
2 Fircrest, Steilacoom, and Gig Harbor are all represented
3 by one person, and that is about six percent of the
4 population. So if you equal all that, it's a hundred
5 percent.

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

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

12 MR. TALBERT: Okay.

13 MS. DREIER: And now the discussion
14 ensues.

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

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

20 MR. ANDERSON: Well, I believe a few
21 of us were at PTIC four years ago, and there was a
22 realignment. There was much discussion. And it's
23 worked. I think that the -- the current makeup has been
24 effective. It's given a voice to the outlying
25 communities, a little bit greater proportion than

1 formerly did. But that hasn't been abused at all.
2 There's not been any internal politics of people ganging
3 up and forming factions. It's been a real thoughtful
4 effort at extended transit service, in some cases on
5 sort of a test basis to try to find some things that
6 work. And I would hope that we leave it alone.

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

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

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

23 And so I would agree with Don, that, you know, it's
24 been a few years, and things seem to be working pretty
25 well. Pierce Transit is still climbing out of the

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1 recession and we're still rebuilding our service. Quite
2 frankly, having a broader base and broader voice on the
3 board I think has helped us as we've rebuilt things. So
4 I think we should also leave it as is at this point and
5 let things continue as we continue to build out. That
6 would be my recommendation.

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

9 MR. KEEL: Thank you.

10 MR. TALBERT: Deputy Mayor Keel.

11 MR. KEEL: Thank you, Chair.

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

17 MS. SHADKO: I'll second that.

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

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

24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 MR. TALBERT: 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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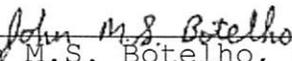
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