## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Items:** | 5-8 | **Name:** | Leah Krekel-Zoppi |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2018-04272018-04292018-04302018-0435 | **Date:** | February 5, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motions 2018-0427, 2018-0429, 2018-0430, and 2018-0435 would confirm the appointments of Ayan Mohamed, Cristal Peña, Peter Rubin, and Preston Sahabu to the King County Transit Advisory Commission (TAC).

**BACKGROUND**

The Transit Advisory Commission (TAC) is a permanent group that is established in the King County Code[[1]](#footnote-1) to advise Metro Transit, the Executive, the Council, local jurisdictions, and the subarea transportation forums on transit issues and policy, including matters of concern to the elderly and persons with disabilities, as well as major planning exercises such as service changes and long-range planning efforts. The TAC also serves as a resource for promoting transit in the community.

The TAC is to have 18 members who are appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council. Members are to include:

* Nine members who are transit riders, recruited by Metro Transit to reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of County residents; and
* Nine members who are either seniors or persons with disabilities or who represent agencies that serve those groups, recruited by Metro Transit to reflect the diversity of the communities they represents, types of disabilities, and geographic distribution of County residents.

The TAC develops an annual work plan and meets regularly to address that work plan. In addition, the TAC designates one member to each sounding board[[2]](#footnote-2) that is convened to consider specific transit topics.

**Appointee Ayan Mohamed.** Proposed Motion 2018-0427 would confirm the appointment of Ayan Mohamed to the TAC for a two-year term to expire on August 31, 2020.

Ms. Mohamed is a resident of Council District 5. Since 2016, she has been employed as a Social Services Case Manager at Refugee Women’s Alliance, an organization that provides refugee and immigrant women and their families with culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Ms. Mohamed is a transit rider and stated that she is interested in seeing the TAC address the timing of bus schedules.

**Appointee Cristal Peña.** Proposed Motion 2018-0429 would confirm the appointment of Cristal Peña to the TAC for a partial term to expire on August 31, 2019.

Ms. Peña is a transit rider and resident of District 8. She is a Program Coordinator for Cross Cultural Health Care Program, an organization that serves as a bridge between communities and health care institutions to advance access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate. She also serves on the Social Justice Leadership Committee of College Access Now and on the Husky Pride Fund Scholarship Committee, is Co-Chair of MEChA, and volunteers at the North Seattle Boys and Girls Club.

She wants to serve on the TAC to “help advocate for communities who are not often given a seat at the table,” and believes her experience as a low-income woman of color from South King County makes her qualified to serve on the TAC and advocate for equity and inclusion.

**Appointee Peter Rubin.** Proposed Motion 2018-0431 would confirm the appointment of Peter Rubin to the TAC for a partial term to expire on August 31, 2019.

Mr. Rubin is a resident of Vashon in District 8, who is not currently employed but is a 25-year member of American Institute of Architects and a former Planning Commission member.

Dependent on public transportation due to a disability, Mr. Rubin is interested in improving coordination between buses and ferries. He also states that he has an “environmental interest in reducing single occupancy vehicle traffic.”

**Appointee Preston Sahabu.** Has stepped down from his appointment to the TAC. Proposed Motion 2018-0435, which would confirm Preston Sahabu’s appointment, may be deferred.

**ANALYSIS**

The proposed appointments are consistent with the code requirements for TAC members.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2018-0427 (attachments available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letter for 2018-0427
3. Proposed Motion 2018-0429 (attachments available upon request)
4. Transmittal Letter for 2018-0429
5. Proposed Motion 2018-0430 (attachments available upon request)
6. Transmittal Letter for 2018-0430
7. Proposed Motion 2018-0435 (attachments available upon request)
8. Transmittal Letter for 2018-0435
1. K.C.C. 2.124.010.B [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. K.C.C. 2.124.010.A [↑](#footnote-ref-2)