



Port of Olympia Community Advisory Committee — Appointments

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Today's Presentation

Action/Other Item — Decision Needed

- Background and Resolution overview
- POCAC Reappointments
- New Applicants
- Applicant Pool by District
- Alternatives for Commission consideration
- Future Resolution considerations
- Action Item: decision needed

Background

- Commission passed Resolution 2026-05 on June 8, 2026
- 15-member POCAC, goal of 3 members per district
- Each Commissioner appoints 3 members: 1 in-district + 2 at-large
- For this first selection, each Commissioner uses one at-large nomination on a current POCAC member
- Commission votes on the full slate at a public meeting
- Open recruitment held June 15 – September 15, 2026

Current Members Seeking Reappointment

	Name	Election District	Current Term End Date	Appointment start date
1	Jack Havens	3	December 2026	1/2024
2	Darlene Kemery	3	December 2028	1/2023
3	Debbie Pattin	3	December 2028	1/2018
4	Sue Patnude	3	December 2027	1/2023
5	Jim Thornton	2	December 2027	1/2023
6	Bob Wubbena	1	December 2027	1/2023

New Applicants

	Name	Election District
7	Heather Christenson	1
8	Dan Decker	1
9	Erin English	1
10	Sherrie Ilg	1
11	David Lund	1
12	Timothy Smith	1
13	Edward Humble	4
14	Cami Jones	4
15	Rose Gundersen	4
16	Dylan Stuwe	5

Detailed applicant profiles provided in the attached Applicant Summary

Applicant Pool by District

District	Candidates	Names
District 1 (Vasavada)	7	Heather Christenson, Dan Decker, Erin English, Sherrie Ilg, David Lund, Timothy Smith, Bob Wubbena
District 2 (Toompas)	1	Jim Thornton
District 3 (Unsoeld)	4	Jack Havens, Darlene Kemery, Debbie Pattin, Sue Patnude
District 4 (Hansen)	3	Edward Humble, Cami Jones, Rose Gundersen
District 5 (Montano)	1	Dylan Stuwe

Target is 15 members / 3 per district. Districts 2 and 5 have only 1 candidate each.

Alternatives for Commission Consideration

Option 1 — Review, Discuss, and Defer

Staff presents all 16 candidates. The Commission discusses the full applicant pool and determines how to proceed with nominations and appointments. Potentially defer decision to a future meeting.

Option 2 — Staff Recommended Appointments with Alternate

Appoint the following 15-member slate:

- District One (Vasavada): Dan Decker, Sherrie Ilg, David Lund
- District Two (Toompas): Jim Thornton, Jack Havens, Timothy Smith
- District Three (Unsoeld): Sue Patnude, Debbie Pattin, Darlene Kemery
- District Four (Hansen): Edward Humble, Cami Jones, Rose Gundersen
- District Five (Montano): Dylan Stuwe, Bob Wubbena, Heather Christenson

Erin English designated as first alternate.

Potential Areas for Future Resolution Updates

District Imbalance Provisions — Add guidance for prioritizing or waitlisting candidates when a district is oversubscribed relative to available seats.

Alternate/Waitlist Mechanism — Establish a formal process for designating alternates from a recent recruitment cycle to fill near-term vacancies without restarting the full recruitment process.

Nomination Process Mechanics — Clarify the procedural mechanics of how Commissioners nominate candidates (e.g., simultaneous vs. sequential, pre-meeting process). Consider whether reestablishing a review committee could streamline future appointment cycles.

Term Staggering Methodology — Specify how initial terms should be assigned to achieve staggering (e.g., assigning one-year, two-year, and three-year initial terms) rather than relying on the current general directive to stagger “to the extent possible.”

Commissioner Engagement with POCAC — Provide clearer direction on how Commissioners engage and interact with the POCAC. Consider moving from the current model of two assigned Commissioners per calendar year to a more revolving Commission presence at POCAC meetings to increase overall Commissioner engagement.

Questions and Comments

Sample Motion — Option 2

"I move that the Port of Olympia Commission appoint the following fifteen (15) members to the Port of Olympia Community Advisory Committee (POCAC), consistent with Resolution 2026-05:

Commissioner Vasavada — District One:

Dan Decker, Sherrie Ilg, David Lund

Commissioner Toompas — District Two:

Jim Thornton (reappointment), Jack Havens (reappointment), Timothy Smith (at-large)

Commissioner Unsoeld — District Three:

Sue Patnude (reappointment), Debbie Pattin (reappointment), Darlene Kemery (reappointment)

Commissioner Hansen — District Four:

Edward Humble, Cami Jones, Rose Gundersen

Commissioner Montano — District Five:

Dylan Stuwe, Bob Wubben (reappointment, at-large), Heather Christenson (at-large)

I further move that Erin English be designated as the first alternate to fill any vacancy that may arise."