

Olympia Tumwater RFA Planning Committee Governance Recommendation

July 25, 2022

Goal: Bring forward the Committee's governance recommendation to Councils on August 9 , so that this can be shared with the community at the Aug. 5 Town Hall.

--> We will take up staggering of terms (the last governance item) at our next meeting.

Governance Re-cap

- Initial Board must be comprised of city elected officials
 - City Councils expressed support for Committee recommendation of an initial board with 3 councilmembers from each agency
 - The initial board will serve from August 2023-December 2025
- The first election cycle for directly-elected board members will be in 2024
- City Councils expressed support for moving to a 7-member structure

Governance Options; Initial Council Input

Olympia Council Feedback	Tumwater Council Feedback
<i>Option 4: 5</i> <i>Option 5: 3</i>	<i>Option 4: 5</i> <i>Option 5: 2</i>
<i>Option 3: 3</i> <i>Option 6: 0</i>	<i>Option 3: 2</i> <i>Option 6: 0</i>
Option counts above include all options that Councilmembers mentioned or described as something they could support.	

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
# Of seats	5	6	7	7	7	7
Appointed by Olympia	1	3	2	1	1	2
Appointed by Tumwater	1	3	2	1	1	2
Directly elected – At- large			3	5		
Directly elected – by District	3				5	3

Confirming Committee Consensus: Option 4

- Committee rationale in support of this option:
 - *Based on Council input in June*
 - Councils support a 7-member RFA board
 - Districting could be confusing for voters, particularly since the Port and School District are also moving to districting, and all local elections are on a 2-year cycle (and the district maps will be different)
 - At-Large seats promote governance oversight for the whole agency, not just one part of it
 - Keep the structure simpler
 - Retain a connection to the Cities
 - The governance structure can be changed in the future
 - Allow for some directly-elected representation that can be solely dedicated to the RFA – rather than serving on both a City Council and the RFA Board.
 - Option 4 also enables all RFA voters to vote for 6 of the 7 RFA Board members.

Option 4

1 Olympia Councilmember

1 Tumwater Councilmember

5 At-Large Members

Are these the
rationales you would
like to bring forward?
Additional? Different?
Rewording?