

MINUTES

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Hybrid Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President. To determine attendance and that a quorum was present, a verbal roll call was conducted by staff.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:
<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>].

CPSEDDB MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Marguerite Richard
- Alex Tsimerman

No other public comments were received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the October 5, 2022 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included in the October 5, 2022 agenda, on pages 18-19. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations, briefed the board on work by PSRC staff to support the adoption of a state legislative agenda in advance of the 2023 session.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Morell) to: (a) approve the minutes of meeting held July 13, 2022 (b) approve vouchers dated July 5, 2022 through August 10, 2022 in the amount of \$35,215.68. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Americas Competitiveness Exchange Program

Adriana Bonilla, from the Organization of American States (OAS) and Barrett Haga, of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, provided an overview of the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program and the work to finalize the region selected for the Spring 2023 event.


DISCUSSION ITEM: Good Jobs Challenge Grant for Washington Jobs Initiative

Maud Daudon, from Career Connect Washington, and Heather Hudson, of the Washington Student Achievement Council provided an overview of the Washington Jobs Initiative and the \$23.5 million Good Jobs Challenge grant recently awarded from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to support this initiative.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.

Adopted this 7th day of December, 2022.



Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:



Josh Brown, Executive Director