



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, December 1, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:03 AM by King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and will be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment (either written or verbal):

- Joe Kunzler
- Alex Tsimerman
- RJ Hansen

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Claudia Balducci recognized and thanked for his service outgoing board member Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County.

President Balducci announced a change of order of agenda items 7: Legislative Agenda Briefing and 8: Equity Advisory Committee Update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today's Operations Committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated September 30, 2022 through November 7, 2022 in the Amount of \$953,806.65.

She reported that the committee approved the following contracts:

- Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) Event Planning

- Consultant Services for Federal Policy and Grant Consultant
- Facilitation Services

Vice President Erickson reported that the committee was briefed by Horace Francis with the certified public accounting firm Francis & Company on PSRC's internal audit controls. She stated that "we were pleased to hear of the controls that were put in place, following the retirement of PSRC's former Chief Financial Officer, to further strengthen PSRC's policies and procedures."

Vice President Erickson reported that the committee heard from PSRC's Budget Manager, Andrew Werfelmann, regarding the Draft FY2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The committee has been working on the budget since September. The Transportation Policy Board and Growth Management Policy Board will be given information on the draft budget at their upcoming meetings in December and January. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in April, with adoption by the General Assembly in May 2023. Vice President Erickson stated, "we learned that PSRC was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award for the sixth year in a row."

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Figueroa) to:

- Approve Minutes of Meeting held October 27, 2022**
- Approve Vouchers Dated September 30, 2022 through November 7, 2022 in the Amount of \$953,806.65**
- Approve Contract Authority for ACE Event Planning**
- Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Federal Policy and Grant Consultant and**
- Approve Contract Authority for Facilitation Services**

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Equity Advisory Committee Update

Charles Patton, PSRC Equity Policy and Initiatives Program Manager; and Shannon Turner, Co-chair of the Equity Advisory Committee, updated the Executive Board on the Equity Advisory Committee's work and the development of the Regional Equity Strategy.

The focus of the committee is to co-create products as part of the Regional Equity Strategy and advise PSRC committees and policy boards on policies and programs with an equity lens. In its inaugural year, the Equity Advisory Committee provided input to help shape both the Regional Housing Strategy and Regional Transportation Plan.

Additionally, the Equity Advisory Committee and PSRC staff have made progress on regional equity work and strategy.

Resources in development include:

- Online Equity Tracker
- Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report
- Anti-Displacement Organizations Report
- Equitable Engagement Guidance
- Racial Equity Impact Assessment Tool
- Equity Planning Resources

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Agenda Briefing

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, briefed the board on the recommended action to adopt the 2023 legislative agenda.

Highlights of the agenda include:

- Keep the Region Moving
 - Sustain the transportation investments
 - Develop an equitable road usage charge
 - Maintain agreed upon state and local funding split decisions
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
 - Supply: Build more housing of different types
 - Stability: Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
 - Subsidy: Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve affordable housing
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Respond to the urgent environmental, economic and equity threat of climate change through:
 - Transit-focused land use
 - Multimodal transportation choices
 - Pricing the transportation system
 - Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels
- Sustain a Strong Economy
 - Strong state engagement for a successful American Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) learning visit

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Roberts) to adopt the recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature. The motion passed with one abstention.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Climate Change Work Program

Kelly McGourty, PSRC Director of Transportation Planning, and Craig Helmann, PSRC Director of Data, briefed the board on PSRC's climate change work program.

The Regional Transportation Plan identifies numerous implementation items, covering all the major plan elements and policy focus areas. These implementation items call for new and continued work to be done by PSRC, local agencies and other regional and state partners. Scheduled for completion by December 2022 is an analysis of 2030 greenhouse gas emissions compared to the region's climate goals.

Since 2010 PSRC has had an adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy (addressing land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology) and conducted a climate analysis for the horizon year of the RTP. The most recent analysis forecasted emissions and applied the strategy to a horizon year of 2050. The plan further calls for PSRC to develop an interim year transportation network and conduct a 2030 analysis, and to continue to work with partner agencies, including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the climate goals and to monitor progress.

The Executive Board was briefed on preliminary results of a hybrid combination of key levers with the greatest potential to reduce emissions. These levers include different levels of a road usage charge, increases in electric vehicle sales, and forecasted work from home levels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Review Performance of the Executive Director

At 11:44 AM President Claudia Balducci announced that the board would adjourn to an Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation. At 12:00 PM it was announced that an extension of the Executive Session was needed to 12:10 PM.

President Balducci reconvened the board meet at 12:10 PM.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Deets) to approve a merit increase for the Executive Director of five percent (5%) and an increase to the employer annual match from \$9,000 to \$9,500 to his 401(a) deferred compensation plan effective January 1, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMTION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet was a new employee status report and a schedule of 2023 Executive Board and Operations Committee meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brough before the board.

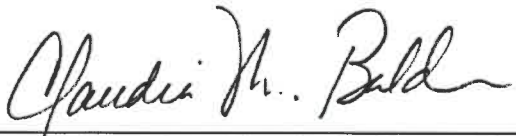
NEXT MEETING

The board will next meet on Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Adopted this 26th day of January 2023.



Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:



Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:
eb2022-dec01-attendance

Executive Board Meeting - December 1, 2022

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:

Attend

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King County	EXC Dow Constantine	
	CM Claudia Balducci	1
	CM Joe McDermott Alt	
	CM Jeanne Kohl Welles Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Andrew Lewis	
	CM Tammy Morales	
	CM Dan Strauss	
	CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
Bellevue	CM Alex Pedersen Alt	1
	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
Federal Way	CM Jennifer Robertson Alt	
	MYR Jim Ferrell	
Kent	Vacant Alt	
	MYR Dana Ralph	1
Kirkland	CM Toni Troutner Alt	
	MYR Penny Sweet	1
Renton	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
Redmond	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
	MYR Angela Birney	1
Auburn	CM Jessica Forsythe Alt	
	MYR Nancy Backus	1
Cities/Towns	Vacant Alt	
	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Allan Ekberg, Tukwila	1
	CM James McNeal, Bothell	
	CM David Baker, Kenmore Alt	
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington Alt	1
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	1
MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw 2nd Alt	1	
Kitsap County	MYR Rob McFarland, North Bend 2nd Alt	1
	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
Bremerton	COM Robert Gelder Alt	
	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
Port Orchard	CM Michael Goodnow Alt	
	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
Cities/Towns	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
Pierce County	MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
	EXC Bruce Dammeyer	1
Tacoma	CM Derek Young	1
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
	MYR Victoria Woodards	
Lakewood	CM Keith Blocker Alt	
	CM Don Anderson	1
Cities & Towns	CM Linda Farmer Alt	
	MYR Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, University Place Alt	1
Snohomish County	DP MYR Ned Witting, Puyallup Alt	
	EXC Dave Somers	1
	CM Sam Low	
Everett	CM Strom Peterson Alt	
	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
Cities/Towns	CM Don Schwab Alt	
	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	1
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	
	CM George Hurst, Lynnwood Alt	1
Port of Bremerton	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	1
	COM Axel Strakeljahn	1
Port of Everett	COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
	COM Gary Anderson Alt	
Port of Seattle	COM Glen Bachman	
	COM Tom Stiger Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COM Ryan Calkins	1
	COMM Sam Cho Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	COM Dick Marzano	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	Secretary Roger Millar	1
	Julie Meredith Alt	
	Brian Nielsen Alt	
	Steve Roark Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	Robin Mayhew Alt	1
	Vacant	
	COMM Jerry Litt Alt	