

## **MINUTES**

### **Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Wednesday, March 1, 2023 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:

- Joe Kunzler

No other public comments were received.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the March 1, 2023 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 March 1, 2023 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 and Communications, provided a brief legislative update.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Morell) to: (a) approve the minutes of meeting held December 7, 2022 (b) approve vouchers dated October 31, 2022 through January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$3,586.01 (c) ratify the 2023-2024 Executive Committee. Commissioner Simpson abstained. The motion passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: 2024 PSRC Office Relocation**

PSRC's office lease at Waterfront Place expires in early 2024. Andrew Werfelmann and Tsukuru Anderson briefed the board on the execution of a new lease for space on the fifth floor of 1201 Third Avenue in July 2022, with the agency expecting to move into the new office in late 2023 or early 2024.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: VISION 2050 & Housing**

Paul Inghram, Laura Benjamin, and Ben Kahn provided members with an overview of VISION 2050 with a focus on the Regional Housing Strategy and upcoming regional housing assistance work.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: Regional Equity Strategy Update**

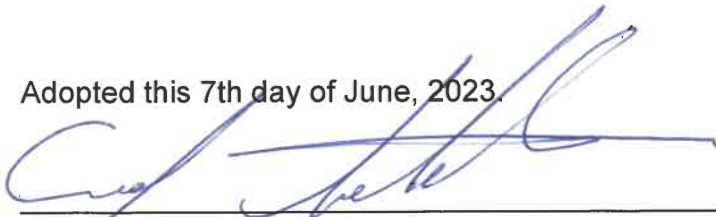
Charles Patton and Noah Boggess updated the board on PSRC staff and Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) progress on regional equity work, including co-creating elements of the Regional Equity Strategy. This strategy will provide guidance to help members work in a coordinated manner towards the region's goal of providing an exceptional quality of life and opportunity for all. The Regional Equity Strategy will also provide guidance and training for staff to ensure the agency effectively uses its roles to advance racial equity.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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Adopted this 7th day of June, 2023.



Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:



Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:

EDD Member Attendance – March 1, 2023

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Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board			
Voting Members		Voting Members	
King County	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	Ports
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton
		Ashton Allison Alt	1
		CM Reagan Dunn	Port of Everett
		Vacant Alt	1
		Cody Eccles Alt	Port of Seattle
Seattle	2	CM Sara Nelson	1
		Vacant Alt	
		Jeremy Mohn Alt	Port of Tacoma
		MYR Bruce Harrell	1
		Vacant Alt	
		Markham McIntyre Alt	Commerce
		WA Dept. of Commerce	1
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1
		Deputy MYR Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt	Chambers of Commerce
		Anthony Gill Alt	1
Cities/Towns	2	CM Ed Prince, Renton	Economic Development
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	EDC - Seattle & King
		CM Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila Alt	1
		CM James Mayhew, Snoqualmie Alt	KEDA - Kitsap
Kitsap County	1	COM Charlotte Garrido	
		COM Katie Walters Alt	EASC - Snohomish
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
		CM Jeff Coughlin Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1
		CM Shawn Cucciardi, Port Orchard Alt	Workforce Development Councils
Pierce County	1	CM Dave Morell*	1
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	OWDC - Kitsap
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	Organized Labor
		CM Keith Blocker Alt	WSLC
Cities/Towns	1	CM Brandon Green, City of Buckley	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife Alt	Presidential Appointments
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	1
		CM Megan Dunn Alt	1
Everett	1	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
		CM Don Schwab Alt	1
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Barb Tolbert	1
		CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt	Non-voting Members
			PSRC President, Ex-Officio
			Bob Drewel
			PSRC President
			Claudia Balducci
Federally Recognized Tribes			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	Navy Region NW
		Vacant Alt	1
			Bill Bulls, Executive Director
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman	1
		CM Jay Mills Alt	
			Abbreviations
			CM Councilmember
			* Executive Committee
			COM Commissioner
			1 = Voting Member for Meeting
Voting	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	24
			CHR Chair

