



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98101**

### **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 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>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Strakeljahn shared that today his term as President will end. The Nominating Committee will propose Councilmember Lee as President and Councilmember Morell as Vice President. In addition, both Presidential Appointments and Executive Committee membership will be brought forth for ratification by the board. Following these items, PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, will provide the board with a WA State Legislative update. Other briefings include Regional Workforce Development efforts, led by William Dowling, Director of the Olympic WDC, and the Greater Seattle Partners work program, led by Brian Surratt, President & CEO, and Rebecca Lovell, COO, of Greater Seattle Partners.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the March 6, 2024 agenda

packet, on pages 23-34. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held November 29, 2023
- b. Approve Vouchers dated October 31, 2023 thru December 4, 2023 in the amount of \$774.98

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Stern/Morell) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed. Commissioner Simpson and Councilmember Rhyne abstained.**

## **ACTION ITEM: ELECTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OFFICERS**

The bylaws of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District state that the Board of Directors must elect their President and Vice President for a two-year term at the Annual Meeting. The nominating committee recommended Councilmember Lee as President and Councilmember Morell as Vice President for the 2024-2026 term:

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Assefa-Dawson/Greer) to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Councilmember Conrad Lee as President and Councilmember Dave Morell as Vice President, for the 2024-2026 term. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: RATIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Bylaws of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District give the board President authority to make appointments to the board to ensure adequate representation and diversity in the makeup of the board. President Lee nominated the following Presidential Appointments for the 2024-2026 term.

- Tom Florino, Director, Worldwide Economic Development, Amazon
- Terry Ryan, Aerospace Economic Development Director, Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport
- Michael Greer, President and CEO, ArtsFund
- Brian Surratt, President and CEO, Greater Seattle Partners

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Stern/Simpson) to ratify the proposed list of Presidential Appointment seats on the board, for the 2024-2026 term. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The EDD bylaws state that each year the board must vote to ratify the Executive Committee appointed by the President. President Lee nominated the following individuals to the serve on the 2024-2025 Executive Committee:

- Councilmember Conrad Lee, City of Bellevue – EDD President
- Councilmember Dave Morell, Pierce County – EDD Vice President
- Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton
- Tom Florino, Director, Worldwide Economic Development, Amazon
- Terry Ryan, Aerospace Economic Development Director, Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport
- Councilmember Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo
- Andrea Reay, President & CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber
- Brian Surratt, President & CEO, Greater Seattle Partners

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Assefa-Dawson/Ralph) to ratify the proposed slate of Executive Committee members for the 2024-2025 term. The motion passed.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

PSRC is continuing to track the work of the Washington State Legislature related to PSRC priorities. Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, briefed the board on bills regarding housing, transportation, and other topics.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**

The central Puget Sound region's Local Workforce Development Boards provided an update on statewide and regional workforce development initiatives, including recent investments in the Economic Security for All initiative. The briefing was led by William Dowling, Director, Olympic WDC.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: GREATER SEATTLE PARTNERS**

Greater Seattle Partners (GSP), a regional public-private economic development organization focused on global business attraction, site selection and promoting investment and trade opportunities in the region, provided an update on recent work and planned efforts for 2024. The briefing was led by Brian Surratt, President & CEO, and Rebecca Lovell, COO, Greater Seattle Partners.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



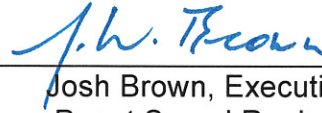
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Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



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Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – March 6, 2024

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board			
Voting Members			Voting Members
<b>King County</b>	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	<b>Ports</b>
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton
		Ashton Allison Alt	1 COM Axel Strakeljahn*
		CM Reagan Dunn	1 COM Cary Bozeman Alt
		Vacant Alt	Port of Everett
		Cody Eccles Alt	1 COM David Simpson
		1	1 COM Glen Bachman Alt
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1 Port of Seattle
		CM Cathy Moore Alt	1 COM Ryan Calkins
		Vacant Alt	Vacant Alt
		MYR Bruce Harrell	Annie Tran Alt
		Vacant Alt	1 COM Kristin Ang
		Markham McIntyre Alt	Port of Tacoma
		1 CM Conrad Lee*	1 COM Deanna Keller Alt
Bellevue	1	MYR Lynne Robinson Alt	<b>Commerce</b>
		Corbin Hart Alt	WA Dept. of Commerce
		CM Larry Brown, Auburn	1 Chris Green
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	Keith Swenson Alt
		CM Ed Prince, Renton Alt	Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt	1
		1	Vacant Alt
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Charlotte Garrido	<b>Economic Development</b>
		COM Katie Walters Alt	EDC - Seattle & King
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1 EDC - Seattle & King
		CM Jennifer Chamberlin Alt	1 Rachel Smith
Cities/Towns	1	1 CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	Lynnette Buffington Alt
		Vacant	1 Joe Morrison
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Dave Morell*	KEDA - Kitsap
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	1 James Davis Alt
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	EASC - Snohomish
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt	1 Garry Clark
Cities/Towns	1	DM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife	1 Wendy Poischbeg Alt
		CM Nikki Bufford, City of Fircrest Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt	1 Bruce Kendall
			1 Tamsin Bell Alt
			<b>Workforce Development Councils</b>
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead	WDC - Olympic
		CM Megan Dunn Alt	1 William Dowling
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne	WorkForce Central
		Vacant Alt	1 Katie Condit Alt
		Dan Eemisse Alt	<b>Organized Labor</b>
		CM Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, Arlington	WSLC
Cities/Towns	1	1	1 April Sims, WSLC President
			Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt
			<b>Presidential Appointments</b>
			1 Alex Pietsch, WSU Foundation
			1 Tom Florino, Amazon*
			Emily Wittman, President & CEO, Aerospace Futures Alliance
			1 Terry Ryan, Snohomish County*
			1 Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund
			1 Brian Surrat, President & CEO, GSP*
			<b>Non-voting Members</b>
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>			PSRC President, Ex-Officio
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	Bob Drewel
		Vacant Alt	PSRC President
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman	Navy Region NW
		CM Jay Mills Alt	Bill Bulis, Executive Director
			Russell Byrd, CPLO Alt
			<b>Abbreviations</b>
			CM Councilmember
			* Executive Committee
<b>Voting</b>	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	23 COM Commissioner
			1 = Voting Member for Meeting
			CHR Chair