



Puget Sound Regional Council

Board Representation Ad Hoc Committee

Thursday, November 20, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: PSRC Conference Room • 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA

Virtual: Zoom Webinar (connection details below)

1. **Call to Order (9:00)** – *Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director*
2. **Meeting Summary September 25, 2025**
3. **Executive Board Recommendation**
 - a. Adopted at October 23rd Executive Board Meeting
 - b. Revised Executive Board Composition (attachment 3.b)
4. **Discussion Item: GMPB and TPB Proposals**
 - a. Review Feedback on Proposals
 - b. GMPB and TPB Voting Seats: Existing Composition and Alternative #1 (attachment 4.b - 1)
 - c. GMPB and TPB Non-Voting Seats: Existing Composition and Alternative #1 (attachment 4.c - 1)
 - d. Potential Next Steps
5. **Next Meeting** – TBD
6. **Adjourn (10:00)**

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Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary

Date: September 25, 2025

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Summary – September 9, 2025

Josh Brown noted the meeting summary from September 9, 2025, was included in the agenda and would serve as the minutes for that session. No questions or corrections were raised.

Review Executive Board Composition

The PSRC Executive Board composition was reviewed, confirming no new seats are needed as no cities reached the 80,000-population threshold. Josh Brown reported that the City of Seattle is entitled to a fifth seat but will not request additional representation. The City of Seattle will remain at four seats.

Josh reviewed the historical and current allocation of county seats. He presented a staff recommendation to guarantee two seats each for the three charter counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish), regardless of population, to ensure representation from both the executive and legislative branches. Kitsap County would remain at one seat. The Executive Board seats would remain at 36 seats.

Committee members discussed the rationale for this approach, emphasizing the importance of maintaining representation for both branches of county government and the unique role of charter counties. There was consensus support for the recommendation. Members also requested that the justification—ensuring representation for both legislative and executive branches—be clearly communicated to the Executive Board.

The committee reached consensus to recommend to the Executive Board:

- Maintain the Executive Board at 36 seats.
- Hold the City of Seattle at four seats, per their request.
- Guarantee two seats each for King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties (charter counties), regardless of population, to ensure both executive and legislative representation.
- Kitsap County remains at one seat.

Review Policy Board Composition

Josh introduced two alternatives for discussion regarding the composition of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) and Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB).

Alternative 1: Permanent Voting Seats for Cities 80,000+ Population

- Would provide permanent voting seats on both policy boards for all cities in the region with populations over 80,000.
- The change would primarily affect King County, adding several permanent seats for large cities within the county: Kent, Federal Way, Renton, Auburn, Kirkland and Redmond.

Committee members discussed potential impacts on geographic balance and representation for smaller cities and towns. Members requested more detailed population percentage data to assess the balance between increased seats in King County and other jurisdictions. Suggestions included adjusting the number of “other cities and towns” seats to maintain balance and considering proportionality with county populations. Members also noted the importance of considering geographic diversity and the unique needs of different subregions within counties.

Council members and mayors raised concerns about fair representation across the four counties, emphasizing the need to consider factors beyond population size, such as geography, employment centers, and freight transportation. The group explored representation for major employment centers (e.g., Manufacturing/Industrial Centers) and considering the unique needs of freight and job centers.

Alternative that shifts permanent non-voting seats to at-Large nonvoting seats

Alternative 2: Shift Permanent Non-Voting Seats to At-Large Non-Voting Seats

- Reduce the number of permanent non-voting seats and increase the number of at-large non-voting seats, filled via application and regular reappointment.
- The approach would encourage active participation and allow for periodic review of representation.

Staff provided a proposal reducing the number of permanent non-voting seats on both policy boards, with Transportation Policy Board moving from 16 to 10 seats and Growth Management Policy Board from 12 to 10 seats. The new structure would include three permanent non-voting seats for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Equity Advisory Committee, and Public Health agencies on TPB, and three permanent non-voting seats for Washington State Department of Commerce, Equity Advisory Committee and Public Health for GMPB. There would be 7 at-large seats, 2 for public agencies or associate members and 5 for business, labor, community and environment. At-large representatives would apply and demonstrate continued engagement.

The committee supported this direction, noting it would streamline board composition and encourage engagement. Members discussed the non-voting member selection process and the need for balance across the business, labor, community and environment categories. Members suggested involving a school district or superintendent to provide a broader perspective on school district interests. Staff noted that past applications from school districts had been more locally focused. The conversation also touched on challenges in achieving geographic balance, with King County historically having more representation. Members suggested involving Puget Sound Education Service District as a potential at-large representative.

Members suggested creating guidelines for seat allocation, including factors like geographic representation and outreach to organizations with low attendance.

Staff will refine then alternatives with policy boards in October for input. The committee will be briefed on policy board feedback at their next meeting, October 17.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

PSRC Executive Board Weighted Votes and Representatives
Effective October 23, 2025

	OFM 4/1/2025 Population	% of Population	Rep. Based on % of Population	Representatives	FY 2026 Weighted Vote
King	2,411,700	53.312%	15.994	15.88	533.12
County	250,225	5.531%	1.659	2	266.56
Seattle*	816,600	18.051%	5.415	4	100.70
Bellevue*	158,000	3.493%	1.048	1	19.49
Federal Way	102,900	2.275%	0.682	1	12.69
Kent*	140,100	3.097%	0.929	1	17.28
Kirkland	97,850	2.163%	0.649	1	12.07
Redmond*	82,380	1.821%	0.546	1	10.16
Renton*	109,700	2.425%	0.727	1	13.53
Auburn*	80,260	1.774%	0.532	0.88	9.90
Other Cities & Towns	573,685	12.682%	3.804	3	70.75
Kitsap	288,900	6.386%	1.916	4	63.86
County	185,110	4.092%	1.228	1	31.93
Bremerton*	45,890	1.014%	0.304	1	14.12
Port Orchard*	19,260	0.426%	0.128	1	5.93
Other Cities & Towns	38,640	0.854%	0.256	1	11.89
Pierce	958,525	21.189%	6.357	5.12	211.89
County	450,750	9.964%	2.989	2	105.94
Tacoma*	228,400	5.049%	1.515	1	47.65
Auburn*	10,060	0.222%	0.067	0.12	2.10
Lakewood*	64,670	1.430%	0.429	1	13.49
Other Cities & Towns	204,645	4.524%	1.357	1	42.70
Snohomish	864,650	19.113%	5.734	5	191.14
County	379,255	8.384%	2.515	2	95.57
Everett*	114,700	2.535%	0.761	1	22.58
Other Cities & Towns	370,695	8.194%	2.458	2	72.99
Cities/Towns/Counties	4,523,775	100%	30.000	30	1,000.00
<u>Statutory Members</u>					
Port of Bremerton				1	3
Port of Seattle				1	50
Port of Tacoma				1	30
Port of Everett				1	10
WA State Dept of Trans				1	30
WA Trans. Commission				1	30
Statutory Members				6	153
Grand Total				36	1,153.00

NOTES:

A) Population figures provided by OFM and only include member jurisdictions. (Non-members include Brier, Carbonado, Gold Bar, Index, and South Prairie.)

B) Weighted votes are updated every September, and representatives for the Executive Board are reviewed every three years, per Interlocal Agreement, Article V.c.3. and as prescribed in RCW 47.80.010 and RCW47.80.060.

C) RCW47.80.060 requires the PSRC Executive Board to include representatives from the following:

- 1) Washington State Transportation Commission
- 2) Washington State Department of Transportation
- 3) The four largest public port districts within the region as determined by gross operating revenue
- 4) Any incorporated Principal City of a metropolitan statistical area within the region, as designated by the US census bureau
- 5) Any incorporated city within the region with a population in excess of 80,000

D) *Principal City Per OMB

E) By Executive Board direction, charter counties (King, Pierce, and Snohomish) are entitled to two seats to provide representation by both executive and legislative branches of the county government.

Growth Management Policy Board Alternative with Permanent Seats for Cities Over 80,000 Population

4.b - Att. 1

King County	County	2	King County Total	11.88 8
	Seattle	2		
	Bellevue	1		
	Kent	1		
	Federal Way	1		
	Renton	1		
	Auburn	0.88		
	Kirkland	1		
	Redmond	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1 3		
Kitsap County	County	1	Kitsap County Total	3
	Bremerton	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
Pierce County	County	1	Pierce County Total	4.12 3
	Tacoma	1		
	Auburn	0.12		
	Other Cities/Towns	2 1		
Snohomish County	County	1	Snohomish County Total	4 3
	Everett	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	2 1		
Federally Recognized Tribes	Muckleshoot Tribal Council	1	Tribal Total	3
	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1		
	Suquamish Tribe	1		
	Subtotal City/County, Federally Recognized Tribes	26 20	New Total	26 20
Statutory Members	Ports (Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton)	1		
	WA State Department of Transportation	1		
	Subtotal Statutory Representatives	2		
	Total Voting Members	28 22		

Transportation Policy Board Alternative with Permanent Seats for Cities Over 80,000 Population

4.b - Att. 1

King County	County	2	King County Total	12.889
	Seattle	2		
	Bellevue	1		
	Kent	1		
	Federal Way	1		
	Renton	1		
	Auburn	0.88		
	Kirkland	1		
	Redmond	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	13		
	Local Transit	1		
Kitsap County	County	1	Kitsap County Total	4
	Bremerton	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
	Local Transit	1		
Pierce County	County	1	Pierce County Total	5.124
	Tacoma	1		
	Auburn	0.12		
	Other Cities/Towns	24		
	Local Transit	1		
Snohomish County	County	1	Snohomish County Total	54
	Everett	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	24		
	Local Transit	1		
Regional Transit Agency	Sound Transit	1	Regional Transit Seats	1
Federally Recognized Tribes	Muckleshoot Tribal Council	1	Tribal Total	3
	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1		
	Suquamish Tribe	1		
	Subtotal City/County, Federally Recognized Tribes	3125	New Total	3125
Statutory Members	Ports (Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton)	1		
	WA State Department of Transportation	1		
	WA State Transportation Commission	1		
State Legislative Transportation Committee	House	2		
	Senate	2		
	Subtotal Statutory & Legislative Seats	7		
	Total Voting Members	3832	Packet pg. 7	

Current TPB Non-Voting Seats

Associate Members - 2	Island County	1
	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Public Agencies - 4	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
	Public Health	1
	WA State Transportation Improvement Board	1
	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
PSRC Committees - 4	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Regional Staff Committee	1
	Regional Project Evaluation Committee	1
	Transportation Operators Committee	1
Private/Civic Members - 6	Business/Labor	3
	Community/Environment	3
Total Non-Voting Members		16

Current GMPB Non-Voting Seats

Associate Members - 2	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1
	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Public Agencies - 2	WA State Department of Commerce	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
PSRC Committees - 2	Regional Staff Committee	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
Private/Civic Members - 6	Business/Labor	3
	Community/Environment	3
Total Non-Voting Members		12

TPB Non-Voting Seat Alternative #1

Permanent Non-Voting Seats - 2	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
At-Large Non-Voting Seats - 8	Public Agencies/Associate Members	2
	Business/Labor/Community/Environment*	5
Total Non-Voting Members		10

*The policy intent is to ensure appointees represent diverse perspectives, including regional geography.

GMPB Non-Voting Seat Alternative #1

Permanent Non-Voting Seats - 2	WA State Department of Commerce	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
At-Large Non-Voting Seats - 8	Public Agencies/Associate Members	2
	Business/Labor/Community/Environment*	5
Total Non-Voting Members		10

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