



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 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 Councilmember Conrad Lee, 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 Lee shared that PSRC staff would brief the board on a Legislative Update, Puget Sound Regional Data Trends, and the Regional Economic Strategy Update.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the September 3, 2025, agenda packet, on pages 14-15. 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 June 4, 2025

- b. Approve Vouchers dated May 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$156.00

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Simpson/Alberson) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

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

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, and Alyssa Quinn, Senior Government Relations Specialist, provided a federal and state legislative update and briefed the EDD Board on the process to adopt recommendations to the 2026 Washington State Legislature.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM: PUGET SOUND REGIONAL DATA TRENDS**

Craig Helmann, Director of Data, provided a background presentation on the latest data trends in the central Puget Sound region.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE**

To conclude the meeting, Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, and Katie Enders, Associate Planner, discussed the development of the Regional Economic Strategy update, including outreach efforts to date and the draft regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2025.

Signed by:  
  
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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

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

Signed by:  
  
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Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

**ATTACHMENT**

A. EDD Member Attendance for the September 3, 2025, Meeting

<b>Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board</b>							
Voting Members				Voting Members			
<b>King County</b>	2	EXEC Shannon Braddock		<b>Ports</b>			
		Vacant Alt		Port of Bremerton	1	COM Axel Strakeljahn*	
		Ashton Allison Alt	1			COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
		CM Reagan Dunn		Port of Everett	1	COM David Simpson	1
		Vacant Alt				COM Glen Bachman Alt	
		Cody Eccles Alt		Port of Seattle	1	COM Ryan Calkins	
Seattle	2	CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck				Vacant Alt	
		CM Cathy Moore Alt				Annie Tran Alt	1
		Vacant Alt		Port of Tacoma	1	COM Deanna Keller	
		MYR Bruce Harrell				COM Kristin Ang Alt	
		Vacant Alt		<b>Commerce</b>			
		Markham McIntyre Alt		WA Dept. of Commerce	1	Grace Yoo	
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1			Keith Swenson Alt	1
		MYR Lynne Robinson Alt		Chambers of Commerce	1	Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*	1
		Corbin Hart Alt	1			Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	2	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent	1	<b>Economic Development</b>			
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way		EDC - Seattle & King	1	Rachel Smith	
		CM James Alberson, Renton Alt	1			Lynnette Buffington Alt	1
		CM Tracy Taylor-Turner, Auburn Alt	1	KEDA - Kitsap	1	Joe Morrison	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root				James Davis Alt	
		COM Katie Walters Alt		EASC - Snohomish	1	Ray Stephanson	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Daniel Tappana Alt	1
		CP Eric Younger Alt		EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1	Michael Catsi	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1			Sarah Bonds Alt	
		CM John Morrissey, Port Orchard Alt		<b>Workforce Development Councils</b>			
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Dave Morell*	1	WDC - Olympic	1	William Dowling	1
		CM Bryan Yambe Alt		WDC - Sea-King		Marie Kurose Alt	1
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell		<b>Organized Labor</b>			
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt		WSLC	1	April Sims, WSLC President	
Cities/Towns	1	Mayor Jason Whalen, Lakewood	1			Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt	1
		Mayor Dave Olson, Edgewood Alt	1	<b>Presidential Appointments</b>			
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead			1	Brian Surratt, President & CEO, GSP*	1
		CM Megan Dunn Alt				Rebecca Lovell, COO, GSP Alt	
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne			1	Tom Florino, Amazon*	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			1	Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund	1
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1				
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jason Moon, Mukilteo					
		CM Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace Alt	1	<b>Non-voting Members</b>			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>				PSRC President, Ex-Officio		Bob Drewel	
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant		PSRC President		EXEC Dave Somers	
		Vacant Alt		Navy Region NW		Bill Bulis, Executive Director	
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman				Russell Byrd, CPLO Alt	1
		CM Jay Mills Alt					
				<b>Abbreviations</b>			
				CM Councilmember		* Executive Committee	
<b>Voting</b>	33	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21	COM Commissioner		1 = Voting Member for Meeting	
				CHR Chair			