



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Operations Committee

February 26, 2026

1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Executive Ryan Mello called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed members and attendees. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with options for in-person and remote participation.

Chair Mello acknowledged a new committee member, Councilmember Eddie Lin, City of Seattle.

Roll was determined there was a quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held December 4, 2025
- b. Approve Vouchers December 31, 2025, through February 2, 2026, in the Amount of \$1,778,044.58

ACTION: It was moved (Wahl/Low) to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE KING COUNTY AUDITING OFFICER DELEGATION RESOLUTION

Lili Mayer, PSRC, explained that King County requires a bond for PSRC's four authorized signers to request payments. The bond has been procured at minimal cost (\$150/year), and the committee's approval is required to recommend adoption of the resolution. The resolution appoints PSRC auditing officers that authorize the issuance of warrants and electronic transactions prior to board approval.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Flemming/Wahl) to recommend the Executive Board adopt Resolution PSRC-EB-2026-01, appointing PSRC auditing officers for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of warrants and electronic transactions prior to board approval.
The motion passed.**

APPROVE ITEM: APPROVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTRACT AUTHORITY

Josh Brown, PSRC, requested contract authority not to exceed \$47,000 to support the 2026 General Assembly. The authority is in line with the adopted budget and will allow staff to enter into necessary agreements for the event. Mr. Brown noted the General Assembly will focus on economic development and adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Flemming/Roberts) to recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts in support of the 2026 General Assembly. The total cost for all contracts will not exceed \$47,000.
The motion passed.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

a. New Employee Status Report

Thu Le, PSRC, introduced three new employees James Kolberg, June Quick and intern Richard Boyechko

b. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Results for Puget Sound Regional Council and the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

Marc Daily (PSRC) reported that PSRC received its fifteenth consecutive clean audit for fiscal year 2025, with no findings or concerns, including on federal grant management

c. Monthly Budget Report

d. Contract Status Report

e. Grant Status Report

f. 2026 Executive Board and Operations Committee meeting schedule.

g. 2026 General Assembly Save the Date – Thursday, May 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The committee reviewed monthly reports and the 2026 meeting schedule

h. Economic Update: Puget Sound Region Loses 12,900 Jobs in 2025

Josh Brown summarized the region's economic performance, noting a loss of 12,900 jobs in 2025 – the first non-pandemic year with net job loss since 2009. Job losses were concentrated in tech (information sector) and construction, with broader impacts on

affordability and workforce retention. Staff will provide additional sectoral analysis in future reports.

- i. Joint Board Session on Addressing Underserved Communities in Our Region – April 30, 2026

A joint board work session for PSRC board members will be held April 30, 2026, focusing on supporting underserved communities in the region.

NEXT MEETING

The committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance February 26, 2025

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3.a - Att. A

Jurisdiction		Member	Attend
King County	2	Vacant	
		Vacant	
City of Seattle	1	CM Eddie Lin	
		Vacant Alt.	
King County Cities/Towns	1	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt.	1
Kitsap County & Cities/Towns	1	Vacant	
		COM Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Alt.	
Pierce County	1	Executive Ryan Mello	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt.	
Pierce County Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stan Flemming, University Place	1
		CM Jeff Sproul, Orting Alt.	
Snohomish County	1	CM Sam Low	1
		CM Jared Mead Alt.	
Snohomish County Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
		MYR Pro Tem Jacob Walker	1
Statutory Members: Ports, WSDOT, WA Trans. Commission	1	COM David Simpson, Port of Everett	
		COM Glen Bachman, Port of Everett	1
Members	10		8
		(Quorum = 5) Quorum Total	6