



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Operations Committee

April 23, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Executive Ryan Mello, Operations Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 shared that the committee would change its start time to 9:30 a.m.

Chair Mello welcomed new members: Mayor Rob Putannssu, Port Orchard (member) and Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton (alternate) as new representatives for Kitsap County and Other Cities and Counties in Kitsap County.

Roll determined that there was a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Low/Wahl) to

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held February 26, 2026
- b. Approve Minutes of Meeting held March 26, 2026
- c. Approve Vouchers March 13, 2026, through April 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$1,174,443.47.

The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 SUPPLEMENTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC, shared that the Operations Committee began its work developing the current Supplemental Budget in September 2025. The committee finalized its work December 2025, posting a full draft Supplemental Budget to the website which was shared with PSRC's policy boards. No comments were received.

Mr. Werfelmann shared that the draft Supplemental Budget represents a \$3.8 million increase in revenues and expenditure, most of which was carryover from the prior year of the biennium. Additionally, funds were included to support the housing program. The committee is being asked to recommend approval of the draft Supplemental Budget.

The committee asked if the federal government has implemented new restrictions or requirements on the use of funds. PSRC staff shared that some grants have included new conditions which are the subject of a current lawsuit. An injunction is in place prohibiting the enforcement of those conditions. Committee members inquired about the timeline of litigation. PSRC staff shared that the arguments have been heard and are awaiting judgement though it is expected for litigation to be ongoing.

It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Low) to

- 1. Recommend that the Executive Board approve the Proposed FY 2026- 2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program and recommend adoption by the General Assembly on May 28, 2026.**
- 2. Recommend that the General Assembly adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2026- 02 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program.**

The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR INCLUSIVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Robin Koskey, PSRC, shared that PSRC is working to make our virtual spaces for board and committee meetings and our website more accessible. Several steps need to be taken to comply with ADA and web accessibility standards. Additionally, PSRC will also continue efforts to deepen outreach with community members especially as we look ahead to update agency plans. PSRC will be working with a consultant to provide training for staff, help improve meetings and content on PSRC's website and continue outreach to community members for feedback on agency work.

It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Simpson) to Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter a consultant contract for inclusive outreach and engagement for up to \$50,000.

The motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Monthly Budget Report
- b. Contract Status Report

- c. Grant Status Report
- d. Joint Board Session on Addressing Underserved Communities in Our Region, April 30, 2026
- e. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students Applications due May 18, 2026
- f. Annual General Assembly Save the Date, May 28, 2026

The committee reviewed monthly reports and noted upcoming events. Committee members requested information about available internships at PSRC. Staff would respond with the information and provide the relevant contact information.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the General Assembly, the committee will not meet in May. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance April 23, 2026

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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	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1
		COM Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton Alt.	
Pierce County	1	Executive Ryan Mello	1
		Alt.	
Pierce County Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stan Flemming, University Place	
		CM Jeff Sproul, Orting Alt.	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Sam Low	1
		CM Jared Mead Alt.	
Snohomish County Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe	1
Statutory Members: Ports, WSDOT, WA Trans. Commission	1	COM David Simpson, Port of Everett	1
		COM Glen Bachman, Port of Everett	
Members	10		9
(Quorum = 5) Quorum Total			7