



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Operations Committee

July 23, 2026

1201 Third 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. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with options for in-person and remote participation.

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 (Strakeljahn/Flemming) to

- a. **Approve Minutes of Meeting held June 25, 2026**
- b. **Approve Vouchers June 8, 2026, through July 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$1,635,834.59.**

The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE MEMBERSHIP FOR PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

Marc Daily, PSRC, shared that Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director, met with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe to invite them to join PSRC. The tribe has submitted a request to become members.

It was moved and seconded (Simpson/Flemming) to:

1. **Recommend that the Executive Board approve the membership request from Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe to join the Puget Sound Regional Council, effective July 23, 2026.**

2. **Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to assess the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe membership dues beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 (July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028).**

The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE INCREASE IN REVOLVING FUND AMOUNT

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC, presented a request to increase the revolving fund account from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to improve payment processing efficiency and address delays in vendor payments.

**It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Flemming) to:
The Executive Board should authorize the Executive Director to increase the amount of the revolving fund account from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
The motion passed.**

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE PSRC FY2027 INDIRECT COST RATE

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC, presented updated benefit and indirect rates used for recovering administrative costs. Mr. Werfelmann explained the methodology and noted the rates reflect cost savings, including reduced office lease expenses.

**It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Flemming) to:
Recommend the Executive Board approve PSRC's Fiscal Year 2027 indirect cost rate proposal with a benefit rate of 54.03% and indirect rate of 48.21%.
The motion passed.**

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. New Employee Status Report
Thu Le introduced one new employee: Heidi Shepard, Transportation Planning
- b. Monthly Budget Report
- c. Contract Status Report
- d. Grant Status Report

The committee reviewed monthly reports.

NEXT MEETING

The committee will not meet in August. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance July 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	
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt.	
Kitsap County & Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	
		COM Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton Alt.	1
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	
		MYR Pro Tem 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		6
		(Quorum = 5) Quorum Total	6