

MINUTES

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Wednesday, February 3, 2021 Remote Only

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Tom Florino, President. To determine attendance and that a quorum was present, board members and alternates wrote in their names and jurisdictions within the Zoom chat, and 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>].

Members and *Alternates* that participated for all or part of the meeting included:
(**participation via teleconference)

Ashton Allison (Alt.)**
Councilmember Tammy Morales**
Councilmember Conrad Lee**
Councilmember Lindsey Walsh (Alt.)**
Councilmember Ed Prince**
Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson**
Councilmember Jay Jeyaraj (Alt.)**
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido**
Councilmember Ed Stern**
Councilmember Dave Morell**
Councilmember Marty Campbell (Alt.)**
Councilmember Stephanie Wright**
Dan Eernisse (Alt.)**
Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Vice President**
Commissioner Sam Cho**
Commissioner Kristin Ang**
Commissioner Deanna Keller (Alt.)**
Chris Green**
Andrea Reay**
Kathy Cocus (Alt.)**
Bruce Kendall**
Elizabeth Court**
Alex Pietsch**
Kevin Clark**
Tom Florino, President**

Tony To**
Terry Ryan**
Brian McGowan**

Members absent included:
(*alternate present)

*Executive Dow Constantine
Councilmember Reagan Dunn
Mayor Jenny Durkan
Mayor Greg Wheeler
Councilmember Robert Thoms
Councilmember Shannon Reynolds
*Mayor Cassie Franklin
Councilmember Joe Marine
Chairman Leonard Forsman
Commissioner Tom Stiger
*Joe Morrison
Chris Mefford
Larry Brown
Bob Drewel
Executive Bruce Dammeier
Pat Iolevera

COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

In accordance with the Governor's emergency Proclamation 20-28, as amended, PSRC's offices were closed to the public during the meeting. No requests to provide virtual video or written public comment were submitted to staff prior to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Tom Florino welcomed everyone to the February 3, 2021 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager, briefed the Board on staff research for the Regional Economic Strategy update, staff outreach to regional workforce development councils and to the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, and the work program to develop goals for expanding regional broadband access and funding opportunities. Jason asked Board members to save the date for an exploratory session on broadband access, scheduled for March 23, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (McGowan) and seconded (Strakeljahn) to: Approve the Minutes of Meeting held February 3, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

ACTION: It was moved (Clark) and seconded (McGowan) to: Ratify the Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 term. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Proposed FY2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Work Program

Diana Lauderbach, PSRC Chief Financial Officer, updated the Board on the agency's proposed FY 2022-2023 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The Economic Development District Board reviews and provides comments on the Economic Development task of the overall PSRC budget (Task 300), which serves as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Washington Economic Development Association 2021 Focus

Suzanne Dale Estey, Executive Director of the Washington Economic Development Association, provided an overview of the organization's focus and legislative priorities for economic recovery in 2021.

DISCUSSION ITEM

PSRC Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Next Steps

Laura Benjamin, PSRC Senior Planner, briefed the Board on findings from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and next steps in the development of the Regional Housing Strategy.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Regional Industry Employment Discussion

Noah Boggess, PSRC Associate Economic Development Planner, briefed the Board on staff work to update *Amazing Place*, the Regional Economic Strategy, which included specific attention to how the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic downturn have impacted major industries in different ways.

NEXT MEETING

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board will next meet on Wednesday, May 5, from 1 – 3 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2021.

Thomas Florino

Tom Florino, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:

J. W. Brown

Josh Brown, Executive Director