

MINUTES

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, July 7, 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 Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Vice 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>].

CPSEDDB MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster. All attendees remote.

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

Vice President Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the July 7, 2021 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance. He encouraged board members to register for the virtual Joint Board Workshop, "Building a Foundation for Racial Equality" hosted by PSRC on July 22, from 10 am to noon.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager, briefed the Board on the information item in the July agenda packet, a highlight of the outreach conducted for the Economic Strategy update. He reminded members that at the May meeting, staff summarized the work to date. Based on previous Board discussion, the challenges and opportunities requiring additional expansion in the update included: equity, health, childcare, regional job distribution, housing and homelessness, broadband, business recovery, industry competitiveness and resiliency. Staff used these focus areas to create the online engagement and outreach tool, included [here](#). Jason informed the

Board that at the October meeting he will present the feedback from stakeholders and the public, and the Board will determine the implementation of these focus areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Axel Strakeljahn informed the Board that the consent agenda will be postponed to the October 6th meeting, because a quorum of members was not reached.

ACTION ITEM

Adopt Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Work Program

Vice President Axel Strakeljahn informed the Board that the adoption of the budget will be postponed to the October 6th meeting. Jason Thibedeau provided a brief introduction to the budget and work program, and assured members that a more in-depth presentation will be made available at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Regional Workforce Recovery Planning

PSRC selected MEF Associates to lead a regional workforce recovery planning project. At the July meeting, Asaph Glosser, of MEF Associates, briefed the Board on the goals, deliverables, and the timeline for the effort.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Economic Development Element Guide

PSRC staff are developing an Economic Development Element Guide to assist local jurisdictions with the upcoming 2024 comprehensive plan update process. Noah Boggess, Associate Planner, provided an overview of the guide to the Economic Development District Board.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2021.

Thomas Florino

Tom Florino, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:

J. W. Brown

Josh Brown, Executive Director