

MINUTES

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, October 6, 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>].

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

President Tom Florino welcomed everyone to the October 6, 2021 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance. He reminded members that the chat function is a public record and will be viewable to those watching the livestream.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the Board on plans for PSRC to resume holding meetings in person via a hybrid format at the start of 2022. He welcomed Katie Condit, who transitioned into the member role representing the Workforce Development Councils, as well as the new alternate representing Organized Labor, Chelsea Mason-Placek, to the EDD. He reminded members that at the July meeting, PSRC staff provided an overview of the Economic Development Element Guide, and that work to finalize the document is underway with the planned release of the document scheduled for later in the fall. PSRC is beginning to update the Washington State Space Economy Report and staff will tentatively plan to report out on

this work to the Board by February 2022. Jason called attention to Item 9 in the agenda packet, an information item detailing how Greater Seattle Partners convened their Regional Economic Recovery Task Force on September 22, 2021, to launch the implementation phase of the Forward Together framework. This meeting highlighted implementation efforts related to the ten identified initiatives and discussed next steps. Progress on the work will be maintained on the framework's website at <https://forward-together.org/>.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (Strakeljahn) and seconded (Lee) to: (a) Approve the Minutes of Meeting held May 5, 2021 (b) Approve the Minutes of Meeting held July 7, 2021 (c) Approve Vouchers dated May 16, 2021 through September 20, 2021 in the amount of \$23,888.85. Councilmember Vivian Olson, representing Snohomish County Other Cities and Towns, and Joe Morrison, representing Kitsap Economic Development Association, abstained. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM

Adopt Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Work Program

ACTION: It was moved (Stern) and seconded (Strakeljahn) to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Work Program. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM

Approve Authority to Develop Public Comment Draft of Regional Economic Strategy

ACTION: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Eernisse) to direct staff to prepare the draft Regional Economic Strategy for public comment. The motion passed.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

DISCUSSION ITEM

Workforce Recovery Planning Project Update

MEF Associates provided an update on the methodology used to identify key regional industries and occupations, and shared findings from stakeholder interviews for the Regional Workforce Recovery Project.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Adopted this 1st day of December, 2021.

Thomas Florino

Tom Florino, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development Dist

ATTEST:

J. W. Brown

Josh Brown, Executive Director