



# Puget Sound Regional Council

## **MINUTES**

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board  
Thursday, December 2, 2021, 10 – 11:30 AM  
Virtual Meeting**

**This meeting was conducted remotely.**

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:01 AM by King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC President. The meeting was conducted remotely. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to <https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings.>]

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments received.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Claudia Balducci welcomed board members.

President Balducci thanked the following outgoing board members and alternates for their service:

- Port Orchard Mayor Pro-Tem Bek Ashby (alternate)
- Auburn Deputy Mayor Claude DaCorsi (alternate)
- Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan
- Edmonds Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas (alternate)
- Seattle Councilmember Lorena González
- Bremerton Councilmember Kevin Gorman (alternate)
- Redmond Councilmember Tanika Padhye (alternate)
- Summer Mayor Bill Pugh
- Tacoma Councilmember Robert Thoms (alternate)
- Burien Councilmember Nancy Tosta (alternate)

President Balducci reported that she would slightly adjust the agenda to allow for Representative Rick Larsen to participate from 10:15-10:30 AM and Representative Marilyn Strickland to participate from 10:30-10:45 AM.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice President Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today's meeting the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated September 30, 2021 through November 17, 2021 in the Amount of \$1,195,031.44; contract authority for engagement platform; and contract Authority for website hosting and support services; contract authority for consultant services to update PSRC's project level emissions estimation tool. The committee also reviewed the Draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program.

Vice President Erickson shared that PSRC has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Vice President Erickson reported that the committee also met new interns and received updates from PSRC Deputy Executive Director Nancy Buonanno Grennan on the lawsuit challenging VISION 2020 and 2050, noting that the lawsuit was dismissed in its entirety on November 15, 2021. And regarding a break-in/burglary on October 31, 2021, at Waterfront Place, she noted that staff have been working with PSRC's insurance companies on reimbursement of legal expenses paid to date. She also noted that staff have taken several steps in conjunction with Waterfront Place's Building Management to better secure the lobby and office areas, including installing new locks, new stair well doors, and security cameras.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Franklin/Roberts) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting Held October 28, 2021, (b) Approve Vouchers Dated September 30, 2021 through November 17, 2021 in the Amount of \$1,195,031.44, (c) Approve Contract Authority for Engagement Platform, (d) Approve Contract Authority for Website Hosting and Support Services and (e) Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services to Update PSRC's Project Level Emissions Estimation Tool.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Josh Brown introduced the topic, noting that U.S. Representative Rick Larsen and Representative Marilyn Strickland are participating in today's meeting and will share their perspectives and answer questions regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and its benefits for Washington state and the region.

Congressmember Larsen emphasized the importance of infrastructure investment with respect to quality of life as well as the diversity of types of infrastructure the bill will invest in.

Congressmember Strickland echoed those sentiments and highlighted the importance of equity not only in the delivery of projects and economic opportunity, but also in terms of access to high-speed internet and the potential of this investment to help remedy the virtual connectivity issues that contribute to inequity.

PSRC will continue to work closely with our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that infrastructure dollars come to the region and that they are spent in an efficient, effective, and equitable manner.

### **Awards Presentation**

John Flanagan, Senior Policy Advisory, Washington State Office of the Governor, presented the board with the 2020-2021 Governor's Smart Communities Award for VISION 2050.

The Puget Sound Regional Council and five cities within the region are winners of 2020-2021 Governor's Smart Communities Awards. This annual awards program recognizes achievements by local leaders who promote smart growth planning and projects that contribute to thriving communities, a prosperous economy, and sustainable infrastructure in Washington.

### **Update on the Regional Housing Strategy**

Paul Inghram, PSRC Director of Growth Management, briefed the board on updates to the Regional Housing Strategy. The board was also briefed on steps to involve the newly formed Equity Advisory Committee in review of the draft strategy and future implementation efforts. The Executive Board may be asked to take action on the strategy at its January 2022 meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:02 AM President Claudia Balducci announced that the board would adjourn to an Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation. President Balducci reconvened the board meeting at 11:22 AM a.m.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Erickson/Roberts) to approve a merit increase for the Executive Director of four percent (4%) and an increase to the employer annual match from \$8,500 to \$9,000 to his 401(a) deferred compensation plan effective January 1, 2022.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Included in the agenda packet was the schedule of 2022 Executive Board and Operations Committee meetings.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

## NEXT MEETING

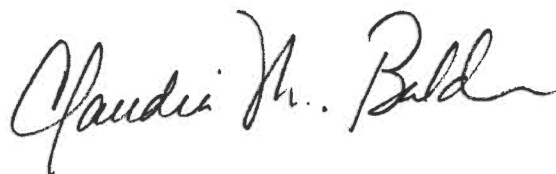
The Executive Board will not meet in November. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 27, 2022, 10 - 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.

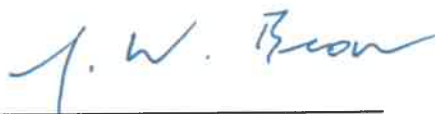
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Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



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Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President  
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:



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Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:  
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<b>Executive Board - December 2, 2021 Meeting</b>		
<i>Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:</i>		1 = Present
<b>King County</b>	EXC Dow Constantine	
	CM Claudia Balducci	1
	CM Joe McDermott	
	Vacant Alt	
	CM Jeanne Kohl Welles Alt	
<b>Seattle</b>	MYR Jenny Durkan	
	CM Lorena González	
	CM Andrew Lewis	1
	CM Dan Strauss	
	CM Tammy Morales Alt	
	CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
<b>Bellevue</b>	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
	CM Jeremy Barksdale Alt	
<b>Federal Way</b>	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
	Vacant Alt	
<b>Kent</b>	MYR Dana Ralph	1
	CM Toni Troutner Alt	
<b>Kirkland</b>	MYR Penny Sweet	
	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
<b>Renton</b>	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
	CM Ed Prince Alt	
<b>Redmond</b>	MYR Angela Birney	1
	CM Tanaka Padhye Alt	
<b>Auburn</b>	MYR Nancy Backus	1
	DP MYR Claude DaCorsi Alt	1
	MYR Amy Ockerlander, Duvall	1
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Allan Ekberg, Tukwila	1
	MYR David Baker, Kenmore Alt	
	CM James McNeal, Bothell Alt	
	CM Nancy Tosta, Burien Alt	1
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington Alt	1
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	
<b>Kitsap County</b>	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
	COM Robert Gelder Alt	
<b>Bremerton</b>	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	CM Kevin Gorman Alt	
<b>Port Orchard</b>	MYR Rob Putaansuu	
	CM Bek Ashby Alt	1
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Island Alt.	1
<b>Pierce County</b>	EXC Bruce Dammeier	1
	CM Derek Young	
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
<b>Tacoma</b>	MYR Victoria Woodards	
	CM Robert Thoms Alt	
<b>Lakewood</b>	MYR Don Anderson	1
	CM Linda Farmer Alt	
<b>Cities &amp; Towns</b>	MYR Bill Pugh, Sumner	1
	CM Paul Bocchi, Lakewood Alt	
<b>Snohomish County</b>	EXC Dave Somers	
	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Stephanie Wright Alt	
<b>Everett</b>	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
	CM Brenda Stonecipher Alt	
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	1
	CM Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	CM Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Edmonds Alt	
<b>Port of Bremerton</b>	COM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
	COM Gary Anderson Alt	
<b>Port of Everett</b>	COM Glen Bachman	1
	COM Tom Stiger Alt	
<b>Port of Seattle</b>	COM Fred Felleman	1
	COM Ryan Calkins Alt	
<b>Port of Tacoma</b>	COM Dick Marzano	1
	Vacant Alt	
<b>Washington State Department of Transportation</b>	Secretary Roger Millar	1
	Julie Meredith Alt	1
	Mike Cotten Alt	
	John Wynands Alt	
	Robin Mayhew Alt	
<b>Washington State Transportation Commission</b>	COMM Hester Serebrin	1
	COMM Jerry Litt Alt	

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