



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Remote Only for Members**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President. To determine attendance and a quorum was present, 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>.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Strakeljahn briefed the board that the meeting topics would include ratifying a nominating committee for the election of officers in 2024, and discussions on the 2024 Economic Development Priorities and the Industrial Lands Analysis. He also recognized the following board members leaving the Economic Development District Board in 2024:

- Mayor Barb Tolbert, City of Arlington
- Councilmember Shawn Cucciardi, City of Port Orchard
- Councilmember James Mayhew, City of Snoqualmie
- Councilmember Keith Blocker, City of Tacoma
- Councilmember Kathy Hougardy, City of Tukwila

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included in the November 29, 2023 agenda on pages 21-22.

This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held September 6, 2023
- b. Approve Vouchers dated July 31, 2023 thru October 31, 2023 in the amount of \$587.77
- c. Approve 2024 Economic Development District Board Meeting Calendar

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ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Lee/Bushnell) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: RATIFY NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the EDD bylaws, President Strakeljahn and Vice President Lee's terms will be completed at the March 2024 meeting. At that point, the positions of EDD President and Vice President will become vacant.

President Strakeljahn brought forth a Nominating Committee for the election of the 2024-2025 board officers. The committee will be chaired by President Strakeljahn, with other members of the nominating committee consisting of members of the current Executive Committee including:

- Councilmember Ed Stern
- Councilmember Dave Morell
- Commissioner Kristin Ang
- Tom Florino
- Terry Ryan
- Andrea Reay

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Ryan/Yambe) to ratify the Nominating Committee appointed by EDD Board President Axel Strakeljahn. The motion passed.

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

The Economic Development District (EDD) Board discussed state and regional economic development efforts planned for 2024 and established priorities to guide EDD staff and board efforts for the upcoming year and support efforts by regional partners. To help inform the discussion, Keith Swenson, Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Development & Competitiveness for the Washington State Department of Commerce provided an update on the Department's focus for the upcoming legislative session. In addition, Suzanne Dale Estey, WEDA Executive Director, briefed the board on current WEDA projects and legislative agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEM: INDUSTRIAL LANDS ANALYSIS UPDATE

PSRC is continuing to develop the regional Industrial Lands Analysis update. Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, provided the Economic Development District Board with a project update, including findings from the industrial lands inventory, demand analysis, employment data and demographic data, as well as the next steps and updated timeline for completion of the project.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance Roster – November 29, 2023



Axel Strakeljahn (Mar 12, 2024 21:41 PDT)

Axel Strakeljahn

President

Mar 12, 2024



Josh Brown (Mar 15, 2024 10:38 PDT)

Josh Brown

Executive Director

Mar 15, 2024

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board			
Voting Members		Voting Members	
King County	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	
		Vacant Alt	
		Ashton Allison Alt	1
		CM Reagan Dunn	
		Vacant Alt	
		Cody Eccles Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Sara Nelson	
		Vacant Alt	
		Jeremy Mohn Alt	
		MYR Bruce Harrell	
		Vacant Alt	
		Markham McIntyre Alt	
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1
		Deputy MYR Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt	
		Anthony Gill Alt	
Cities/Towns	2	CM Ed Prince, Renton	
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	
		CM Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila Alt	
		CM James Mayhew, Snoqualmie Alt	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Charlotte Garrido	
		COM Katie Walters Alt	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
		CM Jeff Coughlin Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1
		CM Shawn Cucciardi, Port Orchard Alt	
Pierce County	1	CM Dave Morell*	1
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1
		CM Keith Blocker Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Brandon Green, City of Buckley	
		CM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife Alt	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	
		CM Megan Dunn Alt	
Everett	1	MYR Cassie Franklin	
		CM Don Schwab Alt	
		Dan Eernisse Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Barb Tolbert	
		CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt	
Federally Recognized Tribes			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	
		Vacant Alt	
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman	
		CM Jay Mills Alt	
Voting	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18










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