



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Operations Committee

October 24, 2024

1201 Third Avenue, Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Becky Erickson called the meeting of the Operations Committee to order at 9:02 a.m. She shared that Executive Somers could not attend today's meeting and she would be serving as chair. Mayor Erickson announced that the Operations Committee is held as a webinar. A link for the public to watch the webinar was provided on the meeting agenda as well as a call-in number.

Roll call determined that a quorum was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

The committee did not reach a quorum. By consensus members approved the consent agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting Held September 26, 2024.
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated August 31, 2024, Through October 7, 2024, in the Amount of \$1,285,257.17.

DISCUSSION ITEM: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC, noted that at its September meeting, the committee reviewed the budget development schedule and membership dues scenarios. This month the committee received estimated revenues and expenditures for FY2026-2027. Mr. Werfelmann discussed the assumptions used to estimate the revenues and expenditures. Current estimates reflect a balanced budget.

Mr. Werfelmann reviewed membership dues increase scenarios. He noted that adjustments to dues increases could be made during the development of the supplemental budget. Members discussed the financial difficulties jurisdictions are currently experiencing. The committee discussed considering a 1% dues increase each year of the biennium. Members requested that staff provide further scenario analysis showing the result of a 1% and 2% increase to dues. Staff will follow up with the information. The committee will discuss membership dues recommendations at its next meeting in December.

DISCUSSION ITEM: DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Carol Naito, PSRC, noted that PSRC's Demographic Profile is one component of PSRC's Title VI plan. The demographic profile compiles demographic information for the region to inform environmental justice and equity analyses. Ms. Naito shared highlights from the demographic profile. Highlights included how the region is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse. Additionally, information on poverty, income and the intersectionality with race was shared. Members asked for further information on the federal poverty level. Staff will share information from the federal website with the committee. Members expressed interest in demographic data for specific communities within the region. Staff noted that the full demographic profile has information at the regional level as well as the county level. In the future the demographic profile will have an interactive component on PSRC's website to allow users to highlight specific areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

A quorum was established at 9:10 a.m. The committee reviewed the consent agenda.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Morell) to

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The motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. New Employee Status Report

Thu Le introduced five new employees: Lauren Maki, Malia Houghton, Maria Suchoski, Mira Malden and Philip Harris.

b. Monthly Budget Report

c. Contract Status Report

d. Grant Status Report

The committee reviewed standard monthly reports.

NEXT MEETING

The committee will not meet in November. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2024, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance October 24, 2024

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3.a - Att. A

| Jurisdiction | | Member | Attend |
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| King County | 2 | Vacant | |
| | | Vacant | |
| City of Seattle | 1 | CM Dan Strauss | |
| King County Cities/Towns | 1 | CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline | 1 |
| | | MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt. | |
| Kitsap County & Cities/Towns | 1 | MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo | 1 |
| | | MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt. | 1 |
| Pierce County | 1 | CM Dave Morell | 1 |
| | | CM Ryan Mello Alt | |
| Pierce County Cities/Towns | 1 | MYR Josh Penner, Orting | |
| | | DEP MYR Dennis King, Puyallup Alt. | 1 |
| Snohomish County | 1 | EXEC Dave Somers, Chair | |
| | | CM Jared Mead Alt. | |
| Snohomish County Cities/Towns | 1 | MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace | 1 |
| | | Vacant Alt. | |
| Statutory Members: Ports, WSDOT, WA Trans. Commission | 1 | COM David Simpson, Port of Everett | 1 |
| | | COM Glen Bachman, Port of Everett | |
| Members | 10 | | 7 |
| | | (Quorum = 5) Quorum Total | 6 |