



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

**Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

### **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 Councilmember Conrad Lee, 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 Lee welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. He recognized two outgoing EDD board members, Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County Commissioner, and Marty Campbell, Pierce County Councilmember. He expressed appreciation for the time both members shared with the EDD Board.

President Lee shared that the board would hear a presentation by Keith Swenson, Washington State Department of Commerce, and Suzanne Dale Estey, WEDA, who joined Jason Thibedeau in a discussion of 2025 Economic Development priorities. Following, Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, would brief the board on the development of the EDD FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget. Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, would update members on the Housing Research Center Proposal, and to close, Jason Thibedeau would lead a discussion on scoping for a regional economic analysis.

## STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the December 4, 2024, agenda packet, on pages 30-31. 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 4, 2024
  - b. Approve Vouchers dated October 15, 2024, in the amount of \$44.50
  - c. Approve 2025 Economic Development District Board Meeting Calendar
- ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Morell) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## DISCUSSION ITEM: 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Jason Thibedeau led a discussion on economic development priorities for 2025, which included presentations from Keith Swenson, Washington State Department of Commerce, and Suzanne Dale Estey, Washington Economic Development Association.

## DISCUSSION ITEM: EDD FY26-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, briefed members on the process of developing the agency's FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The Economic Development District Board reviews and provides comments on the economic development task of the overall PSRC budget (Task 300), which serves as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

## DISCUSSION ITEM: HOUSING RESEARCH CENTER PROPOSAL.

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations, updated the board about the need for a state research center focused on housing.

## DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SCOPING

Jason Thibedeau led a discussion on the development of a regional economic analysis in 2025 which will be used to inform the development of a new Regional Economic Strategy in 2026. He was joined by Katie Enders, Associate Planner, and Shaun Kuo, Assistant Planner.

## NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

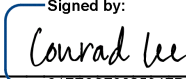
**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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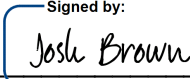
Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Signed by:



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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

Signed by:



ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

**ATTACHMENT**

- A. EDD Member Attendance for the December 4, 2024, Meeting

## Attachment A: EDD Member Attendance for the December 4, 2024, Meeting

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board							
Voting Members				Voting Members			
<b>King County</b>	2	EXEC Dow Constantine		<b>Ports</b>			
		Vacant Alt		Port of Bremerton	1	COM Axel Strakeljahn*	1
		Ashton Allison Alt	1			COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
		CM Reagan Dunn		Port of Everett	1	COM David Simpson	1
		Vacant Alt				COM Glen Bachman Alt	
		Cody Eccles Alt		Port of Seattle	1	COM Ryan Calkins	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka				Vacant Alt	
		CM Cathy Moore Alt				Annie Tran Alt	1
		Vacant Alt		Port of Tacoma	1	COM Kristin Ang	
		MYR Bruce Harrell				COM Deanna Keller Alt	
		Vacant Alt		<b>Commerce</b>			
		Markham McIntyre Alt		WA Dept. of Commerce	1	Chris Green	
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1			Keith Swenson Alt	1
		MYR Lynne Robinson Alt		Chambers of Commerce	1	Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*	1
		Corbin Hart Alt	1			Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	2	CM Larry Brown, Auburn		<b>Economic Development</b>			
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way		EDC - Seattle & King	1	Rachel Smith	
		CM Ed Prince, Renton Alt				Lynnette Buffington Alt	1
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt	1	KEDA - Kitsap	1	Joe Morrison	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Charlotte Garrido				James Davis Alt	
		COM Katie Walters Alt		EASC - Snohomish	1	Ray Stephanson	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Vacant Alt	
		CM Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1	Michael Catsi	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1			Sarah Bonds Alt	
		CM John Morrissey, Port Orchard Alt		<b>Workforce Development Councils</b>			
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Dave Morell*	1	WDC - Olympic	1	William Dowling	
		CM Marty Campbell Alt		WorkForce Central		Katie Condit Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell		<b>Organized Labor</b>			
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt		WSLC	1	April Sims, WSLC President	
Cities/Towns	1	DM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife				Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt	1
		CM Nikki Bufford, City of Fircrest Alt		<b>Presidential Appointments</b>			
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead			1	Brian Surratt, President & CEO, GSP*	
		CM Megan Dunn Alt				Rebecca Lovell, COO, GSP Alt	1
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne	1		1	Tom Florino, Amazon*	1
		Vacant Alt					
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1		1	Terry Ryan, Snohomish County*	
		CM Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam,					
Cities/Towns	1	Arlington	1		1	Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund	1
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt		<b>Non-voting Members</b>			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>				PSRC President, Ex-Officio		Bob Drewel	
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant		PSRC President		MYR Becky Erickson	
		Vacant Alt		Navy Region NW		Bill Bulis, Executive Director	
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman				Russell Byrd, CPLO Alt	1
		CM Jay Mills Alt					
				<b>Abbreviations</b>			
				CM Councilmember		* Executive Committee	
<b>Voting</b>	33	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21	COM Commissioner		1 = Voting Member for Meeting	
				CHR Chair			