

MINUTES

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Wednesday, March 5, 2025 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

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Lee welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. He shared that staff from the Washington State Department of Transportation would be joining to share updates on the Cascadia High-Speed Rail and I-5 Program. Later in the meeting, Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, would brief members on federal and state policy and budget updates, and Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the EDD Board on the Regional Economic Strategy update.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the March 5, 2025, agenda packet, on pages 22-23. 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 December 4, 2024
- b. Approve Vouchers dated October 15, 2024, in the amount of f \$1,944.60
- c. Ratification of 2025-2026 Executive Committee

<u>ACTION</u>: It was moved and seconded (Morell/Rhyne) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: CASCADIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AND I-5 PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff from the Washington State Department of Transportation, including Rob Berman and Nick Fiorillo, provided an update on the Cascadia High-Speed Rail and I-5 Program.

DISCUSSION ITEM: FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY AND BUDGET UPDATES

PSRC is tracking federal developments and the work of the Washington State Legislature related to regional budget and policy priorities. Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, briefed the board on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE

PSRC is working to develop an economic analysis in 2025 that will be used to inform the development of the Regional Economic Strategy update in 2026. Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, led a discussion on the timeline and process to develop the analysis.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.	
Adopted this 4 th day of June 2025.	
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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President Central Puget Sound Economic Development District	

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

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A. EDD Member Attendance for the March 5, 2025, Meeting

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