



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **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

**ACTION: 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<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Signed by:

*Conrad Lee*

Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by:

*Josh Brown*

Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

**ATTACHMENT**

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

<b>Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board</b>							
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	
		Vacant Alt				COM Glen Bachman Alt	
		Cody Eccles Alt		Port of Seattle	1	COM Ryan Calkins	1
Seattle	2	CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck				Vacant Alt	
		CM Cathy Moore Alt				Annie Tran Alt	1
		Vacant Alt		Port of Tacoma	1	COM Deanna Keller	
		MYR Bruce Harrell				COM Kristin Ang Alt	
		Vacant Alt		<b>Commerce</b>			
		Markham McIntyre Alt		WA Dept. of Commerce	1	Grace Yoo	1
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1			Keith Swenson Alt	
						Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*	1
		MYR Lynne Robinson Alt		Chambers of Commerce	1	Vacant Alt	
		Corbin Hart Alt	1				
Cities/Towns	2	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent		<b>Economic Development</b>			
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way		EDC - Seattle & King	1	Rachel Smith	
		CM James Alberson, Renton Alt	1			Lynnette Buffington Alt	
		CM Tracy Taylor-Turner, Auburn Alt	1	KEDA - Kitsap	1	Joe Morrison	
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root				James Davis Alt	
		COM Katie Walters Alt		EASC - Snohomish	1	Ray Stephanson	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Daniel Tappana Alt	1
		CP Eric Younger Alt		EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1	Michael Catsi	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*				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 Bryan Yambe Alt		WDC - Sea-King		Marie Kurose Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell		<b>Organized Labor</b>			
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt		WSLC	1	April Sims, WSLC President	
Cities/Towns	1	Mayor Jason Whalen, Lakewood				Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt	
		Mayor Dave Olson, Edgewood Alt	1	<b>Presidential Appointments</b>			
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead				Brian Surratt, President & CEO, GSP*	
		CM Megan Dunn Alt				Rebecca Lovell, COO, GSP Alt	
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne	1			Tom Florino, Amazon*	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt				Terry Ryan, Snohomish County*	1
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1			Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jason Moon, Mukilteo	1				
		CM Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace Alt	1	<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	1
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	18	COM Commissioner		1 = Voting Member for Meeting	
				CHR Chair			