



Puget Sound Regional Council

Board Representation Ad Hoc Committee

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person: PSRC Conference Room • 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA

Virtual: Zoom Webinar (connection details below)

1. **Call to Order (12:00)** – *Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director*
2. **Meeting Summary September 4, 2025**
3. **Review Executive Board Composition**
 - a. Report back from City of Seattle
 - b. Discussion regarding County seats on Executive Board
4. **Review Policy Board Composition**
 - a. Alternative that provides permanent voting seats for cities 80,000+ population (attachment included)
 - b. Alternative that shifts permanent non-voting seats to at-Large non-voting seats (attachment included)
5. **Information Item: TPB and GMPB Board Attendance**
6. **Next Meeting** – October 17, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
7. **Adjourn (1:00)**

Zoom Webinar Connection Details

- Members will receive a unique link to join, both one hour and one week before the meeting. Email Casey Moreau at cmoreau@psrc.org if you cannot locate your unique link.
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Date: September 4, 2025, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid – PSRC Conference Room and Zoom

In Brief

The Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Director introduced an ad hoc committee to review the composition and representation of PSRC's Executive Board and policy boards, with committee members including elected officials and staff from various jurisdictions. The meeting focused on understanding the weighted voting structure of the Executive Board and discussing potential changes to board representation, including population thresholds for adding new cities and the current representation of Seattle and King County. The committee also reviewed the composition and participation of members in the Transportation Policy Board and Growth Management Policy Board, agreeing to gather more data on attendance and explore options for board composition to bring recommendations to the PSRC Executive Board by December.

Summary

PSRC Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The meeting began with introductions from the Puget Sound Regional Council's Executive Director Josh Brown, who explained the purpose of the ad hoc committee. Committee members and PSRC staff were introduced. Brown noted that the committee would discuss board representation and composition.

PSRC Board Composition Review

The meeting focused on reviewing the composition of the PSRC Executive Board and Transportation and Growth Management Policy Boards, as required by the interlocal agreement every three years. Executive Somers appointed a nine-member ad hoc committee, including elected officials from various counties and cities, to oversee this review process. The committee's composition will be ratified by the Executive Board at a later meeting, and its members were briefed on the different voting structures of the boards, with the Executive Board having a weighted vote system and the policy boards using a one-person, one-vote system.

PSRC Weighted Voting Structure

The meeting discussed the weighted voting structure of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), which is based on an interlocal agreement where county governments receive half of the weighted votes, with the remainder split proportionally by population among cities. The current PSRC Executive Board has 36 representatives, including 30 from cities and counties and 6 statutory members required by state law, such as the Transportation Commission and port districts. The discussion highlighted that cities with populations over 80,000, or designated as principal cities by the US Census Bureau, have permanent seats on the board, with examples like Federal Way and Kirkland.

Executive Board Population Thresholds

The meeting discussed the composition of the Executive Board, focusing on population thresholds for adding new cities. It was determined that no new cities have reached the 80,000 resident threshold required for a permanent seat on the board. The current representation of Seattle and King County was highlighted, with Seattle being entitled to a fifth seat based on population but not requesting it to maintain a quorum with the City Council. The discussion also touched on the rounding method used to determine the number of representatives for each jurisdiction.

PSRC Board Representation Practices

The meeting focused on the composition and representation of the PSRC's Executive Board and policy boards. The discussion clarified that King County is uniquely rounded up due to historical practice based on population, while other cities and counties are rounded down. Staff were directed to reach out to the City of Seattle to determine interest in securing a fifth seat, as past practice shows they have chosen not to. The committee also discussed the appointment processes for different governments, noting that the PSRC does not determine member governments' decisions on representation.

Transportation and Growth Policy Board Structures

The meeting discussed the composition and structure of the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) and Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) within PSRC. Key points included the different voting structures of the two boards, with the TPB having 32 voting members and 16 non-voting members compared to the GMPB's 25 voting members and 12 non-voting members. The TPB's larger size was attributed to additional legislative and transit agency seats. The meeting also highlighted the varying levels of participation from non-voting members, particularly from certain public agencies on the TPB, and mentioned plans to review board composition and attendance data.

Transportation Board Membership Review

The committee discussed the composition and participation of members in various transportation and policy boards. They agreed to gather more data on attendance and reasons for non-participation from non-voting members. A member suggested developing guiding principles for board representation. The group considered different approaches to engage non-voting members and ensure fair representation. They decided to explore options for the Transportation Policy Board and Growth Management Policy Board compositions, with a goal to bring recommendations to the PSRC Executive Board by December. The next meeting was scheduled for September 25th.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Growth Management Policy Board Alternative with Permanent Seats for Cities Over 80,000 Population

King County	County	2	King County Total	12.888
	Seattle	2		
	Bellevue	1		
	Kent	1		
	Federal Way	1		
	Renton	1		
	Auburn	0.88		
	Federal Way	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	3		
Kitsap County	County	1	Kitsap County Total	3
	Metropolitan Center (Bremerton)	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
Pierce County	County	1	Pierce County Total	3.123
	Tacoma	1		
	Auburn	0.12		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
Snohomish County	County	1	Snohomish County Total	3
	Metropolitan Center (Everett)	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
Federally Recognized Tribes	Muckleshoot Tribal Council	1	Tribal Total	3
	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1		
	Suquamish Tribe	1		
	Subtotal City/County, Federally Recognized Tribes	2520	New Total	2520
Statutory Members	Ports (Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton)	1		
	WA State Department of Transportation	1		
	Subtotal Statutory Representatives	2		
	Total Voting Members	2722		

Transportation Policy Board Alternative with Permanent Seats for Cities Over 80,000 Population

King County	County	2	King County Total	13.88 9
	Seattle	2		
	Bellevue	1		
	Kent	1		
	Federal Way	1		
	Renton	1		
	Auburn	0.8		
	Federal Way	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	3		
	Local Transit	1		
Kitsap County	County	1	Kitsap County Total	4
	Bremerton	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
	Local Transit	1		
Pierce County	County	1	Pierce County Total	4.12 4
	Tacoma	1		
	Auburn	0.2		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
	Local Transit	1		
Snohomish County	County	1	Snohomish County Total	4
	Everett	1		
	Other Cities/Towns	1		
	Local Transit	1		
Regional Transit Agency	Sound Transit	1	Regional Transit Seats	1
Federally Recognized Tribes	Muckleshoot Tribal Council	1	Tribal Total	3
	Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1		
	Suquamish Tribe	1		
	Subtotal City/County, Federally Recognized Tribes	30 25	New Total	30 25
Statutory Members	Ports (Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton)	1		
	WA State Department of Transportation	1		
	WA State Transportation Commission	1		
State Legislative Transportation Committee	House	2		
	Senate	2		
	Subtotal Statutory & Legislative Seats	7		
	Total Voting Members	37 32		

Current TPB Non-Voting Seats

Associate Members - 2	Island County	1
	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Public Agencies - 4	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
	Public Health	1
	WA State Transportation Improvement Board	1
	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
PSRC Committees - 4	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Regional Staff Committee	1
	Regional Project Evaluation Committee	1
	Transportation Operators Committee	1
Private/Civic Members - 6	Business/Labor	3
	Community/Environment	3
Total Non-Voting Members		16

Current GMPB Non-Voting Seats

Associate Members - 2	Alderbrook Water and Wastewater District	1
	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Public Agencies - 2	WA State Department of Commerce	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
PSRC Committees - 2	Regional Staff Committee	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
Private/Civic Members - 6	Business/Labor	3
	Community/Environment	3
Total Non-Voting Members		12

TPB Non-Voting Seat Alternative #1

Permanent Non-Voting Seats - 2	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
At-Large Non-Voting Seats - 8	Public Agencies/Associate Members	2
	Business/Labor/Community/Environment	5
Total Non-Voting Members		10

GMPB Non-Voting Seat Alternative #1

Permanent Non-Voting Seats - 2	WA State Department of Commerce	1
	Equity Advisory Committee	1
	Public Health Agencies	1
At-Large Non-Voting Seats - 8	Public Agencies/Associate Members	2
	Business/Labor/Community/Environment	5
Total Non-Voting Members		10

TPB Non-voting Members Meetings & Attendance	2022			2023			2024			2025 Jan-Sep		
	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%
Associate Members												
Island County	5	11	45%	0	10	0%	0	11	0%	1	8	13%
Thurston Regional Planning Council	8	11	73%	5	10	50%	6	11	55%	3	8	38%
Public Agency Members												
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	10	11	91%	8	10	80%	11	11	100%	7	8	88%
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	0	11	0%	0	10	0%	1	1	100%	5	8	63%
WA Transportation Improvement Board	3	11	27%	0	10	0%	0	11	0%	0	8	0%
Public Health (public agency seat 2024)	3	11	27%	4	10	40%	9	11	82%	6	8	75%
PSRC Committees												
Regional Staff Cmte	10	11	91%	5	10	50%	6	10	60%	4	8	50%
Regional Project Evaluation Cmte	11	11	100%	9	10	90%	11	11	100%	8	8	100%
Transportation Operations Cmte	11	11	100%	8	10	80%	11	11	100%	8	8	100%
Equity Advisory Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	100%	8	8	100%
Private/Civic Members - Business/Labor												
Laborers Local Union 242	11	11	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA Roundtable	3	11	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce	9	11	82%	8	10	80%	8	11	73%	5	8	63%
Master Builders of Pierce County	1	11	9%	1	10	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-
WA Trucking Association	-	-	-	7	9	78%	5	11	45%	1	8	13%
Private/Civic Members - Community/Environment												
Seattle-King County Aging & Disability Svcs.	9	11	82%	6	10	60%	-	-	-	-	-	-
League of Women Voters WA	8	11	73%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation Choices Coalition	10	11	91%	3	4	75%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puget Sound Partnership	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	67%	5	8	63%
Individual - Kim Becklund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	100%
Ex Officio Legislators												
State Legislators	0	11	0%	0	10	0%	0	11	0%	0	8	0%

TPB Voting Legislative Members	2022			2023			2024			2025 thru July		
	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%
House Transportation Committee												
Democrat	1	11	9%	2	10	20%	0	11	0%	0	8	0%
Republican	1	11	9%	0	10	0%	0	11	0%	0	8	0%
Senate Transportation Committee												
Democrat	0	11	0%	1	10	10%	0	11	0%	0	8	0%
Republican	0	11	0%	0	10	0%	0	11	0%	1	8	13%

GMPB Non-voting Members Meetings & Attendance	2022			2023			2024			2025 Jan-Sep		
	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%	Attend	Out of	%
Associate Members												
Alderwood Water & Wastewater District	6	10	60%	1	10	10%	6	10	60%	4	8	50%
Thurston Regional Planning Council	7	10	70%	4	10	40%	5	10	50%	6	8	75%
Public Agency Members												
Commerce	4	10	40%	4	10	40%	4	10	40%	3	8	38%
Public Health Agencies	7	10	70%	9	10	90%	7	10	70%	4	8	50%
PSRC Committees												
Regional Staff Cmte	8	10	80%	8	10	80%	9	10	90%	6	8	75%
Equity Advisory Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	60%	6	8	75%
Private/Civic Members - Business/Labor												
Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	8	10	80%	5	10	50%	9	10	90%	6	8	75%
Natural and Built Environments	10	10	100%	10	10	100%	8	10	80%	6	8	75%
Seattle Children's	7	10	70%	9	10	90%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individual - Charlotte Murry	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	20%	3	8	38%
Private/Civic Members - Community/Environment												
Futurewise	9	10	90%	9	10	90%	7	10	70%	8	8	100%
Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	6	10	60%	5	10	50%	0	10	0%	2	8	25%
Metro Parks Tacoma	0	10	0%	0	10	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emerald Alliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	40%	6	8	75%