



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, June 4, 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**

There was no public comment.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Lee shared that Lynnette Buffington and Vaughn Taylor with the Seattle Metro Chamber and Matt Morrison, with Pacific NorthWest Economic Region, would lead a discussion around regional plans for hosting the 2026 FIFA world cup with members. He also shared that Jason Thibedeau would provide the board with a briefing 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 June 4, 2025, agenda packet, on pages 23-24. 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 March 5, 2025
- b. Approve Vouchers dated February 28, 2025 through April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$2,879.81
- c. Adopt Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Budget and Work Program

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Keller) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, provided an update on strategy development tools, data and outreach efforts that are being utilized to inform the Regional Economic Strategy update.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP**

Lynnette Buffington, Chief of Staff, Seattle Metro Chamber, Vaughn Taylor, Vice President of Economic Development, Seattle Metro Chamber, and Matt Morrison, CEO, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), and other regional leaders provided an overview on planning and expected impacts related to FIFA World Cup 2026 activities.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025.

Signed by:

*Conrad Lee*

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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

Signed by:

*Josh Brown*

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

Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

## **ATTACHMENT**

- A. EDD Member Attendance for the June 4, 2025, Meeting

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| <b>Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board</b> |    |                                       |    |                                       |   |  |   |
| Voting Members   |    |                                       |    | Voting Members                        |   |  |   |
| <b>King County</b>   | 2  | EXEC Shannon Braddock                 |    | <b>Ports</b>                          |   |  |   |
|  |    | Vacant Alt                            |    | Port of Bremerton                     | 1 | COM Axel Strakeljahn*                                  | 1 |
|  |    | Ashton Allison Alt                    |    |                                       |   | 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 Alexis Mercedes Rinck              |    |                                       |   | Vacant Alt   |   |
|  |    | CM Cathy Moore Alt                    |    |                                       |   | Annie Tran Alt   | 1 |
|  |    | Vacant Alt                            |    | Port of Tacoma                        | 1 | COM Deanna Keller                                      | 1 |
|  |    | 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                                      |   |
|  |    | MYR Lynne Robinson Alt                |    | Chambers of Commerce                  | 1 | Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce* | 1 |
|  |    | Corbin Hart Alt                       |    |                                       |   | Vacant Alt   |   |
| Cities/Towns   | 2  | MYR Dana Ralph, Kent                  | 1  | <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                                | 1 |
|  |    | CM Tracy Taylor-Turner, Auburn Alt    | 1  | KEDA - Kitsap                         | 1 | Joe Morrison   | 1 |
| <b>Kitsap County</b>   | 1  | COM Oran Root                         |    |                                       |   | James Davis Alt  |   |
|  |    | COM Katie Walters Alt                 | 1  | EASC - Snohomish                      | 1 | Ray Stephanson   |   |
| 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*                 | 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 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          | 1  |                                       |   | Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt                               | 1 |
|  |    | Mayor Dave Olson, Edgewood Alt        | 1  | <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                           |   |
| Everett  | 1  | CM Paula Rhyne                        |    |                                       | 1 | Tom Florino, Amazon*                                   |   |
|  |    | MYR Cassie Franklin Alt               |    |                                       | 1 | Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund               |   |
|  |    | Dan Eernisse Alt                      | 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                        |   | EXEC Dave Somers                                       |   |
|  |    | 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>  | 32 | (Quorum = 14) Quorum Total            | 21 | COM Commissioner                      |   | 1 = Voting Member for Meeting                          |   |
|  |    |                                       |    | CHR Chair                             |   |  |   |
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