MINUTES

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
PSRC Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Councilmember Terry Ryan, President. The signatures on the Attendance Sheet, as well as documentation by staff, determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: http://psrcwa.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx.]

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:
(**participation via teleconference)

Councilmember Terry Ryan, President
Tom Florino, Vice President
**Councilmember Mariah Bettise
A. Boungjaktha
Commissioner Ryan Calkins
**Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
Pat Iolavera
Patrick Pierce
Alex Pietsch
**Andrea Reay
**Lauren Smith
Councilmember Ed Stern
Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn
**Mayor Greg Wheeler
**Councilmember Stephanie Wright

Members absent included:
(*alternate present)

Lisa Brown
Kevin Clark
Executive Dow Constantine
Elizabeth Court
Bob Drewel
Councilmember Reagan Dunn
Chair Leonard Forsman  
Mayor Cassie Franklin  
Councilmember Lisa Herbold  
Bruce Kendall  
Caroline King  
Councilmember Conrad Lee  
Commissioner Clare Petrich  
John Powers  
Councilmember Ed Prince  
Councilmember Shannon Reynolds  
Executive Dave Somers  
Stan Sorscher  
Commissioner Tom Stiger  
Mayor Geoffrey Thomas  
Councilmember Robert Thoms  
Tony To  
Chad Wright  

COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT  

The following person addressed the board:  
• Alex Tsimerman  

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS  

President Terry Ryan welcomed everyone to the October 2, 2019 meeting, noting that today the board would be asked to act to elect a new Vice President, hear from Greater Seattle Partners CEO Brian McGowan on the new Regional Prosperity Plan, and have the opportunity to assess the mid-point of Amazing Place, the regional’s economic strategy.  

STAFF REPORT  

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager, briefed the board on efforts and accomplishments that PSRC staff and other regional partners are working on to implement the strategies adopted in the region’s economic strategy. He highlighted the following efforts:  
• Port of Seattle’s Airport Community Ecology Funding Awards  
• Washington State Department of Commerce work on the Washington State Guidebook on Military and Community Compatibility  
• Washington State Department of Commerce’s Defense Community Compatibility Program  

He drew the board’s attention to a handout at members’ places, noting that he attended the Seattle Metro Chamber’s 2019 In-State Study Mission to Tacoma and the Southside. He stated that one of the sites visited was Joint Base Lewis-McChord  

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(JBLM), where participants heard about JBLM’s operations and its impact and the importance of the community. He reported that JBLM is doing an update to its regional economic impact analysis and staff would closely track that work.

Mr. Thibedeau reported that PSRC staff will begin organizing daylong trips to different parts of the region to look at economic activities and investments. He noted that more information on opportunities to participate is forthcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Pietsch) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 10, 2019 and (b) Approve Voucher Dated June 18, 2019 in the Amount of $70.00. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Vice Presidential Election

President Ryan announced that the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) Vice President position has become vacant. He stated that per CPSEDD bylaws, a vacancy occurring in the office of Vice President is filled by election of a replacement to serve for the unexpired portion of the term.

At its meeting on September 12, the Executive Committee discussed this topic for the board’s consideration.

Councilmember Ed Stern, Executive Committee member, reported that the Executive Committee recommends Tom Florino to fill the remainder of the current Vice President term, which will end with the election of new officers at the February 2020 board meeting.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Stern/Strakeljahn) to elect Tom Florino to serve as vice president of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board, filling the remainder of the current term through February 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Greater Seattle Partners Regional Prosperity Plan

Brian McGowan, CEO of Greater Seattle Partners, along with James Henderson, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the board on GSP’s Regional Prosperity Plan. This plan will guide efforts by Greater Seattle Partners to coordinate and lead regional promotion and economic growth over the next three years.

The Regional Prosperity Plan describes goals and strategies designed to:
- Build the region’s global identity to attract new investment and advance trade
- Attract and retain talent to strengthen our regional competitiveness
- Elevate regional economic development to achieve inclusive economic growth

**Amazing Place Midpoint Review**

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager, and Hannah Bahnmliller, PSRC Assistant Planner, provided an update on implementation of Amazing Place, the region’s five-year economic strategy adopted in 2017.

These implementation efforts include industry analysis and development efforts, new programs and partnerships, regional planning efforts, legislative changes, and investments in new facilities and public works infrastructure.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Included as information in the agenda packet was an update on recent efforts and accomplishments that PSRC staff and other regional partners are working on to implement the strategies adopted in the region’s economic strategy, Amazing Place.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board will next meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 1 – 3 p.m., in the PSRC Board Room.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Adopted this 4th day of December, 2019.

Councilmember Terry Ryan, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST: Josh Brown, Executive Director