

## **Minutes**

### **General Assembly Meeting**

#### **Puget Sound Regional Council**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

**Conference Center at the Washington State Convention Center  
Seattle, Washington**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor John Marchione, President. He announced that a quorum was present. Attendance was determined by the signatures on the registration sheets, and registration check-in by staff, both included with the official copy of these minutes.

President Marchione welcomed attendees to the 2017 General Assembly. He introduced PSRC's leadership: Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, PSRC Vice President and chair of the Operations Committee; Tacoma City Councilmember Ryan Mello, chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; Seattle City Councilmember Rob Johnson, chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, President of the Economic Development District Board; and Josh Brown, PSRC's executive director.

### **Public Comments**

The following people addressed the Assembly: Alex Tsimerman, Don Gerend, Paul W. Locke, Marguerite Richard, Michael Fuller Suijor, Victor Bishop and Will Knedlik. Comments are on file with the official copy of these minutes.

### **President's Report**

President Marchione stated that "PSRC is like an orchestra, a baseball club or any other metaphor for team. We have different assets, strengths and roles. But we cannot be successful without each other. We need places where people design, where people build, where we store goods, where we import and export. We need places for those same people to live, have access to health care and education, and to retire. We rely on each other to make this a great place. We need to remember we got here together and we need to stick together to thrive. It's been an honor to lead this organization as President over the past two years. We've accomplished a lot and there is much more to come.

"I first became Mayor in 2008, the whole country was in a recession and Congress actually passed an infrastructure stimulus bill. Today, the growth we're seeing is stunning, perhaps record-breaking, and adds urgency to our work as a regional planning organization.

"KUOW radio has a series on growth called "Region of Boom" – it's a great description of what we're experiencing. But we want to be the ones tackling the issues and not be the ones overwhelmed and getting sacked. Attention on growth shines a light on what PSRC is doing to plan for population, transportation and economic development in the future.

"The region's first VISION 2040 was adopted over 20 years ago. We've grown by more than a million people." He asked, "How many of you moved here in the last 20 years? During that time, the vast majority of new development has been located within the urban growth area. PSRC success has been from the ground up. Cities and counties have developed local comprehensive plans that support VISION 2040. This year we wrapped up a big effort at PSRC to review and certify those plans. In total, 83 plans have been updated, reviewed and certified

to date. That's a remarkable accomplishment on the part of local elected officials, staff, and the communities. It was not always easy work, but necessary to keep moving forward on our collective future."

He asked the members of the Executive Board, the Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and the Economic Development Board to stand up and be recognized. He stated, "Thank you for all of your contributions.

"These are important times for our region and government generally. We're all attentive and alert to a new federal government in Washington DC and the struggles of our Congress to produce results. Our state Legislature has been busy this year and delivered important work but is also struggling to find agreement on the state's paramount duty, public education. Meanwhile, local leaders in this region are producing results by working together. The people of the region count on us to deliver every day. There is no lower government that we can pass down problems. Nor are we the type of people to pass the buck. We are problem solvers!

"It is a privilege to work with all of you. This year about 100 veteran local elected leaders in our region are not seeking re-election. I want to acknowledge some of these seasoned leaders - here with us today - who have been very engaged in the work of the region and who will be leaving their posts at the end of this year. Each, in their own diverse ways, describe who we are, and have shown us how to get things done. In many cases, they brought skills from the private sector and put them to use in leading their communities.

"One of them is a former telecommunications executive who has done many things but was determined to do three big regional things: 1) secure the region's place as a global leader in aerospace manufacturing for future generations, 2) bring light rail to Everett, and 3) bring higher education, and Washington State University, to Everett and the shores of Puget Sound. Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson accomplished all those things, and much more, and we're grateful for his leadership.

"At her first regional meeting as Tacoma's Mayor, Marilyn Strickland said a top goal was to get regional light rail to connect to Tacoma. Through her work, that's going to happen. We have all benefitted from her voice and determination to grow Tacoma by improving education, workforce training and more. She has been a stellar leader in articulating the needs of cities in our state, and across the nation.

"There's a former rocket scientist who helped create the City of Sammamish and has been nurturing its growth ever since. Sammamish Mayor Don Gerend has helped secure transportation improvements. We thank him for his statewide leadership and for thinking long term – and out of the box – to make sure the region can pay for the transportation system we'll need in the future.

"Don's neighbor is a long-time Army Corp of Engineers colonel. We're grateful for Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler's 26 years of military service that included leadership commands in Vietnam, Germany and North Africa. As chief engineer for Seattle City Light, he kept the lights on for years. We'll miss his leadership on transportation. He's the Mayor who brought light rail to Issaquah.

“Seattle’s Tim Burgess has been a reporter and a policeman – he’s been a calming influence and a leader who is focused on the facts. His leadership in providing high quality preschool to Seattle’s 3- and 4-year old’s will transform lives and open opportunities for more of the region’s children. We appreciate his efforts to reach out beyond Seattle’s city limits and lead regionally.

“We can thank Microsoft for Redmond’s own John Stilin, who has provided regional leadership on economic development and growth management. His work to grow transit-oriented development happened at just the right time and will maximize the return on investments we’re making in regional transit.

“Many of us can’t remember what the region was like without the leadership of Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke. She promoted the city as the leader of the chamber of commerce for both Renton and Kent, she got herself elected to the state Legislature. Many people probably don’t know she’s worked for the cities Burien, Bellingham and Seattle. We know her as one of the region’s most effective leaders and we will miss her very much.

“Last, but not least, is someone who has served his city longer than any of the above and been an outstanding friendly representative of the people of Auburn to the rest of the region for almost three decades. Auburn Councilmember Rich Wagner has served on the Council since 1990. Another engineer, he started out in Okanogan and was a researcher at Weyerhaeuser for 25 years. His list of community engagement is incredibly long. Rich has always made time for the work of the region, and we are all better for it.”

He asked Ray Stephanson, Marilyn Strickland, Don Gerend, Fred Butler, Tim Burgess, John Stilin, Suzette Cooke and Rich Wagner to stand as attendees applauded them to show their appreciation for all of the contributions they have made in their communities and their leadership within the region.

## **Consent Agenda**

Adoption of Minutes of PSRC Assembly Meeting held March 31, 2016

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Puget Sound Regional Council Assembly meeting held March 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **New Business**

Adoption of FY 2018-2019 Biennial Budget and Work Program

Executive Dave Somers, Vice President, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that “the FY 2018-2019 Biennial Budget and Work Program was developed by our Operations Committee and has had an in-depth review by the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Board, and Economic Development Board and comes to you today with a unanimous vote of support from our Executive Board.”

He reported, “The Budget and Work Program document is a blueprint guiding PSRC’s work over the next two years. It is a steady-state, balanced budget that supports PSRC’s regional planning mission and builds the agency’s reserves.” He stated that “the primary work for the next two years is summarized on our Integrated Planning Timeline and carries out our planning responsibilities in Growth Management, Transportation, Economic Development and Data Services.

He then provided a quick overview of the revenues and expenditures for the budget, noting that “60 percent of the revenues come from federal grants, 17 percent from local funds, and 16 percent from carryover funds.

These funds come from grant work that began in the last biennium and will be continued in this biennium, including funds from ongoing federal planning, and Federal Transit Administration 5307 funds. Five percent of total revenues come from state funding, and 2 percent from anticipated state and federal grants.

“Anticipated funds include highly likely revenue sources. The expenditures associated with the anticipated revenues will be shown in the budget as encumbered until the anticipated revenues are secured. The biennial expenditures include 44 percent to support the salaries of our staff, 27 percent is for benefits, 15 percent for overhead, 6 percent for consultants and direct costs, and 2 percent is encumbered.

“Six percent is used for the reserve fund. This budget includes a 4 percent increase in membership dues that will be used to build the reserve fund. The full budget document, which can be found on the PSRC website, gives much more detail on the work for the next two years.” He encouraged Assembly members to read through the document.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to (1) adopt the Fiscal Years 2018-2019 Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board on March 23, 2017, and (2) adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2017-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2018-2019 Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies. The motion passed 99 percent.**

#### Election of Officers – Report of the Nominating Committee

Mayor John Marchione, Chair, Nominating Committee, stated that he served as chair of the 2017 Nominating Committee and reported on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. He first introduced the 2017 Nominating Committee members: King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, City of Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder, Town of Steilacoom Mayor Ron Lucas, Port of Tacoma Commissioner Clare Petrich, Snohomish County Councilmember Terry Ryan, and City of Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson.

He reported, “the Nominating Committee recommends our officers to be Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers as President, and Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier as Vice President.”

There were no nominations from the floor.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Following election of officers, Executive Somers presented a plaque to, PSRC’s outgoing President, Mayor John Marchione. The plaque read, “Mayor John Marchione is hereby honored for his spirited leadership as President of the Puget Sound Regional Council. Mayor Marchione is not only an effective advocate for the City of Redmond’s interests, he has worked to find common cause on the City’s priorities throughout the region. Through his dedication, steadfastness, friendly and approachable spirit, and commitment to high standards of public service, Mayor Marchione has modeled the leadership required for the region to thrive for generations to come.”

**Presentation**

A conversation with Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier moderated by PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown.

**Other Business**

There was no other business brought before the Assembly.

**Adjourn** -- The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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ADOPTED by the Assembly this 31<sup>st</sup> date of May, 2018.

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Executive Dave Somers  
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

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Josh Brown, Executive Director

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