



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 09, 2025, at 6 p.m.
Ben Franklin Transit Boardroom
1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, Washington**

Meeting attendance options included in-person and virtual via Zoom

MINUTES

1. CONVENE BOARD MEETING

Chair Will McKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Board Shea Walter asked the Board of Directors to state their name when their jurisdiction was called.

2. ROLL CALL

Representing	Attendee Name	Title	Status
City of Pasco	Charles Grimm	Director	Present
City of Kennewick	Brad Beauchamp	Vice Chair	Absent
City of Richland	Kurt Maier	Director	Present
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom	Director	Present
Franklin County #2	Stephen Bauman	Director	Present
Franklin County #1	Clint Didier	Director	Present
Benton County	Will McKay	Chair	Present
City of Prosser	Steve Becken	Director	Present
City of Benton City	David Sandretto	Director	Present
Teamsters Union 839	Traci Bronson	Union Representative	Present

BFT Staff: Thomas Drozt, Shea Walter, Josh Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Michael Brown, Julie Thompson, Brian Lubanski, Marcus McCready, Rob Orvis, Kathryn Wall, Wayne Willie

Legal Counsel: Jeremy Bishop

Interpreters: Ruth Medina, Ynez Vargas

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McKay led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McKay then opened the meeting to comments from the public.

No Public Comments were made.

No Written Public Comments were received.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair McKay asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Bloom moved to approve the agenda, this motion was seconded by Director Sandretto and passed unanimously

6. RECOGNITIONS

No Recognitions were received

7. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN)

Mr. Kreutz presented and highlighted items in the minutes from their December 2024, Citizens Advisory Network meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair McKay presented the Consent Agenda items and invited a motion.

A. December 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. December Voucher Summary

Director Becken moved to approve the Consent Agenda. This Motion was seconded by Director Sandretto and passed unanimously

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 01-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Accept the Completion of the Operations Building Construction Contract #1388 with Fowler General Construction, INC.

Director Sandretto moved to approve Resolution 01-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Bloom and passed unanimously

10. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

BFT Legal Counsel Jeremy J. Bishop had no updates, mentioned board elections will be conducted next board meeting

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Thomas Drozt Presented a few key highlights with a presentation Kennewick Fire Department, Bus Dispatch – December 12th, 2024, Kennewick Fire

Department called and requested bus service to assist with keeping displaced residents warm while the fire department controlled the fire.

Holiday Vendor Donation – BFT donated over 30 hams to the Tri-Cities Food Bank

Van-Me-Down Project – December 19th, 2024, BFT was pleased to present a van to Benton Franklin Workforce Development Council.

Bus Operator Graduations – January 3rd, 2025, three Fixed Route Operators & three Mechanics graduated and received their CDL Certificates

Mr. Drozt introduced BFT's new Directors Michael Brown & Marcus McCready upon request of Director Grimm

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board comments were made.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was Held

14. OTHER

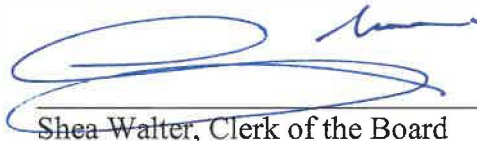
There were no other agenda items.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Shea Walter, Clerk of the Board

02/13/2025

Date