



BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday April 10, 2025, at 6 p.m.
Ben Franklin Transit Boardroom
1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, Washington

Notice: 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 after their jurisdiction had been called.

2. ROLL CALL

| Representing | Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| City of Pasco | Charles Grimm | Director | Present |
| City of Kennewick | Brad Beauchamp | Vice Chair | Present |
| 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 | Absent |
| Teamsters Union 839 | Traci Bronson | Union Representative | Present |

Present: Thomas Drozt, Shea Walter, Joshua Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Alex Smith, Samantha Miller, Michaela Dimas, Michael Brown, Rob Orvis, Julie Thompson, Terry Dejuan, Gabe Martin, Kathryn Wall, Marcus McCready, Janet Brett, Shawna Munyan, Portia Bennett.

Legal Counsel: Jeremy J. 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 Becken and passed unanimously

6. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN)

Dori Luzzo presented and highlighted items in the minutes from their March 17, 2025, Citizens Advisory Network meeting.

7. RECOGNITIONS

No Recognitions were made

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. March 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. March Voucher Summary

C. Resolution 06-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to accept the Queensgate Transit Center Construction Contract #1383 with GAME Construction, Inc.

D. Resolution 09-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Award Contract for Employment and Labor Legal Services to Ogden Murphy Wallace

E. Resolution 11-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with an Approved Auto Dealership(s) Utilizing Washington State Contract #28423 to Purchase up to Three (3) Service Trucks

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

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution 10-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Model1 Commercial Vehicles to Purchase Thirty-Six (36) Dial-A-Ride Vehicles Utilizing Washington State Contract #16719-02

Director Bauman moved to approve Resolution 10-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Maier and passed unanimously

10. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

- A. Chief of Planning & Development, Kevin Sliger & guest Heidi Gunum presented the Long-Range Transit Plan & Strategic Plan Development

B. Legal Report

BFT Legal Counsel Jeremy J. Bishop announced there will be Executive Session to go over Collective Bargaining and Pending Litigation.

C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Drozt, presented Cost per Passenger calculations for Fixed Route.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board comments were made

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held under RCW 42.30140(4)(b) collective Bargaining.

Director Bauman moved to approve Resolution 07-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Bloom and passed unanimously

Director Bauman moved to approve Resolution 08-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Grimm and passed unanimously

14. OTHER

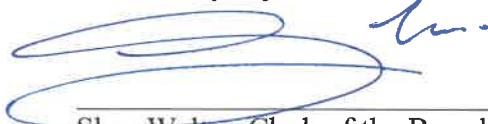
There were no other agenda items

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM



Shea Walter, Clerk of the Board

05/08/2025
Date