



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday February 13, 2024, 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	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	Present
Teamsters Union 839	Traci Bronson	Union Representative	Present

BFT Staff: Thomas Drozt, Shea Walter, Joshua Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Michael Brown, Julie Thompson, Brian Lubanski, Janet Brett, Marcus McCready, Rob Orvis, Kathryn Wall, Gabe Martin, Jacob Johnson, Shawna Munyan

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. Election of Officers – BFT Board of Directors

Legal Counsel Jeremy J. Bishop called for nominations, Director Bauman nominated Chair McKay as Chair, Sandretto seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously. Director Beauchamp nominated Director Bauman as Vice-Chair, Director Sandretto seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.

Legal Council Jeremy J. Bishop, Thomas Drozt and Board of Directors discussed BFCOG members and new Executive Committee members.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair McKay asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

7. RECOGNITIONS

No Recognitions were made

8. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN)

Mr. Edwin Frost presented and highlighted items in the minutes from their January 27th, 2025, Citizens Advisory Network meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. February 13th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. February Voucher Summary

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

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Annual Service Plan & Accompanying Title VI Service Equity Analysis

i. Public Hearing

ii. Resolution 02-2025 A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Annual Service Plan

Director Bauman moved to approve Resolution 02-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Sandretto and passed unanimously

iii. Resolution 03-2025 Adopting the 2025 Title VI Service Equity Analysis
Director Maier moved to approve Resolution 03-2025. This Motion was seconded by Director Bauman and passed unanimously

10. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

BFT Legal Counsel Jeremy Bishop had no updates

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Thomas Drozt touched on a few projects, Ben Franklin Transit implemented a new Project Management Office, created with existing staff, this will allow more structure for projects.

Thomas touched on the process of beta testing of new BFT website, also mentioned in January BFT had 8 nonprofits apply for grant tickets, February BFT had 6.

Overall BFT is settling into their roles, collaborating well and looking forward to the future

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, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM



Shea Walter, Clerk of the Board

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Date