

# MINUTES

## CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK REGULAR MEETING

**Monday May 19, 2025 6:00 p.m.**  
**BFT Three Rivers Transit Center Conference Room**  
**1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA**

### 1. Attendance: – 2 Min

Recording Secretary, Dennis Kreutz

Representing	Attendee Name	Title	Status
Citizen Advisory Network	Dennis Kreutz	Chair – Recording Secretary	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Dori Luzzo-Gilmour	Recruitment Committee Chair	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Ed Frost	Past Chair	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Amber Wissenbach	Member	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Bernie Vinther	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Brooklyn Hufstader	Member	Zoom
Citizen Advisory Network	Bill Barlow	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Frank Cuta	Recruitment Committee	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Laurie Price	Member	Present
Citizen Advisory Network	Nayeli Aranda	Member	Absent
Citizen Advisory Network	Ulises Navarro	Member	Absent
BFT Staff	Janet Brett	Manager of Communications	Present
BFT Staff	Tom Drozdt	CEO	
BFT Staff	Kevin Sliger	Planning Manager	Present
BFT Staff	Alex Smith	CFO	

2. CAN Members participated in the Awards to Students and Teachers for the Art On The Bus Competition, with the awards being presented by Past-Chair Ed Frost.

3. Comments by Guests: None

### 4. April 2025 Meeting MINUTES Approval: - 2 Min.

Chair, Dennis Kreutz

Discussion: Postpone until next meeting, when they can be printed for review.

Motion to Approve the Minutes by:

Second to Approve the Minutes by:

Minutes Approved Unanimously by a Voice Vote of the CAN Members: YES / NO

### 5. Old Business: 5 Min.

Chair, Dennis Kreutz

A. CAN requested in the March CAN Meeting that BFT Marketing get information to the various High Schools requesting students apply as CAN Members.

1. Following up on being able to have high school students as Citizen Advisory Network members.
2. BFT stated that rules regarding students present in meeting without parental supervision will need to be considered.

3. Laurie Price will report back to CAN in the June Meeting regarding information from Richland School District regarding student participation in after school meetings.

**6. New Business: 15 Min.**

Chair, Dennis Kreutz

- A. A. Report of the April BFT Board Meeting – Bill Barlow
- B. Voting for the approval of two new CAN Members:
  1. Eric Watkins, approved unanimously.
  2. Brandon Harbo, approved unanimously.
- C. Discussion of changing the monthly CAN Meeting night postponed until June Meeting.
- D. Members discussed the issues with BFT Board Meeting Public Comments currently having to be made at the beginning of the Board Meeting and not generally allowed after an Agenda Item has been presented by BFT Staff to the Board. There was no resolution, so this will be discussed again in the June CAN Meeting.

- E. Items to be added to the June CAN Meeting Agenda:

BFT requested that a presentation be made to CAN regarding the upcoming Title VI Program Update Public Comment and Public Hearings.

CAN Members to discuss the recently passed Washington House Bill 1418 allowing two voting members that are transit users to the governing body of public transportation benefit areas.

**7. BFT Board / BFT Staff Comments: 5 Min.**

**8. CAN Member Comments: 5 Min.**

**9. Assign CAN Member to Attend next Board Meeting: 1 Min.** Chair, Dennis Kreutz

Board Meeting June 12, 2025                      6:00 PM                      BFT Board Room

CAN Member Assigned: Dori Luzzo-Gilmour

**10. Next CAN Meeting: 1 Min.**

Chair, Dennis Kreutz

Monday May 19, 2025                      6:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURN:**

Chair, Dennis Kreutz

- A. Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.