



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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

Vice Chair Stephen Bauman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Board, Pauline Escalera, 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	Director	Present
City of Richland	Kurt Maier	Director	Present
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom	Director	Present
Franklin County #2	Stephen Bauman	Vice Chair	Present
Franklin County #1	Clint Didier	Director	Absent
Benton County	Will McKay	Chair	Absent
City of Prosser	Steve Becken	Director	Present
City of Benton City	David Sandretto	Director	Present
Teamsters Union 839	Tracy Bronson	Union Representative	Present

Present: Thomas Drozt, Joshua Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Pauline Escalera

Legal Counsel: Jeremy J. Bishop

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Stephen Bauman led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Bauman then opened the meeting to comments from the public.

Three written public comments were received, and eight oral public comments were made. Vice Chair Bauman then closed public comments.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Bauman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Maier moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Director Sandretto and passed unanimously.

6. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN) REPORT

No report.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Bauman presented the Consent Agenda items and invited a motion.

A. *December 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

B. *December Voucher Summary*

C. *Resolution 01-2026, Retirement of Barry Higgins*

D. *Resolution 02-2026, Purchase of 7 GILLIG 35' Buses*

Director Bloom moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B. The motion was seconded by Director Maier and passed unanimously.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. 03-2026, Authorizing the Adoption of the 2026 Annual Service Plan and Service Equity Analysis

Presented by Kevin Sliger, Chief Planning & Development Officer

Director Bloom moved to approve Resolution 03-2026. This motion was second by Director Sandretto and passed unanimously.

9. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 22nd Ave Pasco TC Jan 2026 Update

Presented by Kathryn Wall, Project Manager

10. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal report was made.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Drozt, reported on 2025 accomplishments.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held under RCW 42.30.110.1(G)

13. OTHER

There were no other items.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board

2.12.26

Date