BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 11 ,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

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MINUTES

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1. **CONVENE BOARD MEETING**

   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	Absent
City of Richland	Kurt Maier	Director	Present
City of West Richland	Kate Moran	Director	Present
Franklin County #2	Stephen Bauman	Vice Chair	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	Tracy Bronson	Union Representative	Present

Present: Brian Lubanski, Joshua Rosas, Kevin Sliger, Mackenzie Miller, Pauline Escalera
Legal Counsel: Jeremy J. Bishop

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No written comments were submitted. Two oral public comments were made. Chair Bauman then closed public comments.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bauman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

6. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN) REPORT

No report was made.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. May 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. May Voucher Summary

C. Resolution 18-2026 Cynthia Schneider

D. Resolution 19-2026 Authorization to Increase Contract #1536 Amount

E. Resolution 20-2026 Authorization to Increase NTE Amount On-Call Marketing Advertising

F. Resolution 21-2026 Vehicle Surplus

G. Resolution 22-2026 Authorizing Fare-Free Service on Ben Franklin Transit Fixed Route Dial-A-Ride and CONNECT Services During July 2026

Director Sandretto moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-G. The motion was seconded by Director Maier and passed unanimously.

8. ACTION ITEMS

No report.

9. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Informational Release of 2026-2032 Transit Development Plan & CIP for Public Comment

Presented by Kevin Sliger, Chief Planning and Development Officer

10. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal counsel, Jeremy Bishop, made a

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, Brian Lubanski, made a report highlighting Americas 250th Anniversary, where BFT will wrap DAR and Fixed Route vehicles to honor our nation's history. Engagement and community presence amplified through VAN ME DOWN collaborations with Boys & Girls Clubs, Introducing You, and Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Transit App Stats for May 2026 were highlighted, showing a 2.1% increase of users from May 2025. Fixed Route driver, Scott Olson, was recognized for his safety and attentiveness while driving at the Cinco De Mayo Parade.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 6:41PM and was held under RCW 42.30.110 (1) i.

No decisions were made.

Executive Session ended at 6:56PM

13. OTHER

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board	Date