



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 12, 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: Brian Lubanski, 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.

One written public comment was received, and eleven oral public comments were made. Vice Chair Bauman then closed public comments.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Legal Counsel, Jeremy J. Bishop, called for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and BFCOG Representative.

Director Grimm nominated Vice Chair Stephen Bauman as Chair, Director Sandretto seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.

Director Beauchamp nominated Director Maier as Vice Chair, Vice Chair Bauman seconded, and the vote was passed unanimously.

Legal Council Jeremy J. Bishop declared BFCOG representative would stay with the CEO and the board agreed unanimously. Director Bloom would remain as alternate.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Bauman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

7. **CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN) REPORT**

No report.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. *January 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

B. *January Voucher Summary*

C. *Resolution 04-2026, Authorizing to Award AE MOA Services to Meier*

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

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Resolution 05-2026, Recommending CSched for the Operations Scheduling Software Solution

Presented by Michael Brown, Director of Transit Operations

Director Maier moved to approve Resolution 05-2026. This motion was second by Director Bloom and passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 06-2026, Authorizing the Adoption of the 2026 Long-Range Transit Plan

Presented by Kevin Sliger, Chief Planning and Development Officer and Gabe Martin, Transit Planning Manager

Director Sandretto moved to approve Resolution 06-2026. This motion was second by Director Bloom and passed unanimously.

C. Appeal of Travis Lehmann

Presented by Legal Counsel, Jeremy J. Bishop

Director Sandretto moved to approve Appeal of Travis Lehmann. This motion was second by Director Bloom and passed unanimously.

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2026 Q4 Performance Report

Presented by Kevin Sliger, Chief Planning and Development Officer

11. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal report was made.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

No Report.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held under RCW 42.30.110.1(G)

14. OTHER

There were no other items.

15. NEXT MEETING

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Pauline J Escalera

Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board

2.12.26

Date