BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 9 ,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

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	Vice Chair	Present
City of West Richland	Kate Moran	Director	Present
Franklin County #2	Stephen Bauman	Chair	Present
Franklin County #1	Clint Didier	Director	Absent
Benton County	Will McKay	Director	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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bauman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Will McKay moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Director Kate Moran and passed unanimously.

5. EMPLOYEE APPECIATION HIGHLIGHT

CEO, Brian Lubanski presented fixed route operator, Jennifer Connor, with the certificate of commendation.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

7. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN) REPORT

No verbal report was made. CAN provided a report in the board packet.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. June 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. June Voucher Summary

C. Resolution 23-2026 Appointing new CAN Members

D. Resolution 24-2026 Grant Pass Program

E. Resolution 25-2026 Contingency Fleet

F. Resolution 26-2026 Vehicle Re-Activation

Director Will McKay moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-F. The motion was seconded by Director Kurt Maier and passed unanimously.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 27-2026 Darcie Cornell Retirement

Presented by CEO, Brian Lubanski

Director Kate Moran moved to approve Resolution 27-2026. This motion was second by Director David Sandretto and passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 28-2026 Approving BFT's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Presented by Director of Safety & Training, Marcus McCready

Director David Sandretto moved to approve Resolution 28-2026. This motion was second by Director Kate Moran and passed unanimously.

C. *Resolution 29-2026 Adoption of the 2026-2032 TDP-CIP*

Presented by Chief Planning & Development Officer, Kevin Sliger

Public Hearing per RCW 84.55.120 was held, with no public comments made.

Director Will McKay moved to approve Resolution 29-2026. This motion was second by Director Kate Moran and passed unanimously.

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

11. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal counsel, Jeremy Bishop, made a report stating that no executive session will happen during the meeting.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, Brian Lubanski, made a report highlighting

- June fixed route ridership of 241,807 boardings was the strongest June in 10+ years, up 8.4% vs. June 2025.
- Workday Phase 2 achieved full operational status across finance processes, marking first-in-system transactions.
- AssetWorks tablets are fully deployed to maintenance staff, improving digital adoption in operations.
- Delbert E. Long earned 3rd place Bronze in BOC among 10 regional competitors, reflecting strong operator capability and safety focus.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

14. OTHER

No other items were presented.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board	8/13/26 Date