



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 13 ,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	Absent
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 APPRECIATION HIGHLIGHT

CEO, Brian Lubanski presented Dial-A-Ride operator, Larry Cambry, with the certificate of commendation.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No written comments were submitted. Three oral public comments were made.

Chair Bauman then closed public comments.

7. CITIZENS ADVISORY NETWORK (CAN) REPORT

A verbal report was made regarding RideCo trial coming up in the next month and interest in the new DAR vehicles. A written report was submitted in the board packet.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. *July 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes*
- b. *Special Board Meeting Minutes 4.9.26*
- c. *July Voucher Summary*
- d. *Resolution 30-2026 Janet Williamson Retirement*
- e. *Resolution 31-2026 Recommendation to Accept Contract #1563 Vehicle Service Pit Upgrades as Complete*

Director Will McKay moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-E. The motion was seconded by Director David Sandretto and passed unanimously.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. *Resolution 32-2026 Recommendation to Approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Contract # 1574 Facilities Maintenance Building (FAC0023)*

Presented by Chief P&D Officer Kevin Sliger

Director Will McKay moved to approve Resolution 32-2026. This motion was second by Director David Sandretto and passed unanimously.

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Q2 2026 Performance Report*

Presented by Chief P&D Officer, Kevin Sliger

11. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal counsel, Jeremy Bishop, made a report stating that that business is continuing as usual, with ongoing work on contracts and RFPs, as well as a significant number of public records requests. Staff has provided strong support on these projects. The grant program remains in progress but is currently stalled while staff identifies an appropriate partner to assist with drafting.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, Brian Lubanski, made a report highlighting several BFT employees and departments for recent statewide recognition. July 2026 ridership increased by approximately 36,400 rides compared to July 2025 following the month long free fare trial.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

14. OTHER

No other items were presented.

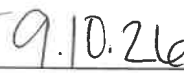
15. NEXT MEETING

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.


Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board


Date