



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 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 Sandretto moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Director Maier and passed unanimously.

5. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION HIGHLIGHT

CEO, Brian Lubanski presented Senior HR Generalist, Crystal Garza, with the certificate of commendation.

Richland School District presented Dial-A-Ride drivers and Fixed Route Drivers with the Worksite Learning Program plaques.

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

A verbal report was made by Dennis regarding RideCo trial, Dial-A-Ride new vehicles and written report was submitted in the board packet.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. August 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes*
- b. August Voucher Summary*
- c. Resolution 33-2026 Daniel Kerr Retirement*
- d. Resolution 34-2026 Heritage University Tri-Cities College Pass Program Approval*
- e. Resolution 35-2026 Vehicle Surplus*
- f. Resolution 36-2026 Workday Change Order Approval*
- g. Resolution 37-2026 Authorizing the Award of an On-Call Appraiser and Right-of-Way (ROW) Land Acquisition Contract*
- h. Resolution 38-2026 Recommending Concourse for the Award for Labor Relations & Collective Bargaining*
- i. Resolution 39-2026 Authorization to Extend and Increase NTE Amount On-Call Marketing Advertising*

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

9. ACTION ITEMS

None

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

11. STAFF REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Legal Report

Legal counsel, Jeremy Bishop, made a report stating that business is going as usual and we are working through multiple public records requests.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO, Brian Lubanski, made a report highlighting the following:

- Staff are finalizing options for future fare policy, including current fares, potential pilots, and a digital transit pass, with a presentation planned for the October meeting.
- The 2026 Fair generated **36,796 rides, a 19.9% increase over 2025**. Staff are evaluating additional park-and-ride locations for next year, including Southridge and Three Rivers.
- BFT received a **National Endowment for the Arts grant** to create six locally designed bus wraps representing each city in the service area. City Council briefings will occur in October/November, with wraps targeted for summer 2027.
- BFT will unveil a **breast cancer survivor bus** in October in partnership with Tri-City Cancer Center and Kadlec.
- BFT will provide shuttle service for the **25th anniversary 9/11 remembrance event** in Kennewick.
- A **budget workshop** is tentatively planned before the November Board meeting.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member comments were made.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

14. OTHER

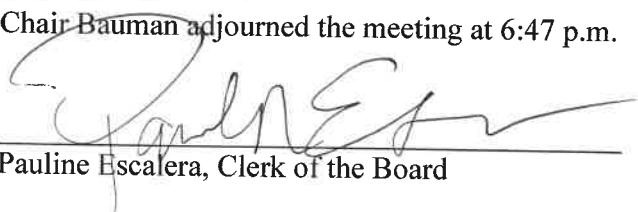
No other items were presented.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bauman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.


Pauline Escalera, Clerk of the Board

10.8.26
Date