

**PIERCE TRANSIT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the special board meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Marty Campbell, Chair of the Board, Pierce County Councilmember
Daryl Eidinger, Mayor of the City of Edgewood (*representing Edgewood and Puyallup*)
John Hines, City of Tacoma Councilmember
Ryan Mello, Pierce County Councilmember
Shannon Reynolds, City of Fircrest Councilmember (*representing University Place and Fircrest*)
Kim Roscoe, Mayor of Fife (*representing Fife/Milton/Pacific/Auburn/Gig Harbor Ruston/Steilacoom*)
Kristina Walker, Vice Chair of the Board, City of Tacoma Councilmember
Victoria Woodards, Mayor of the City of Tacoma

Commissioners excused:

Jason Whalen, City of Lakewood Mayor

Staff present:

Mike Griffus, Chief Executive Officer
Grantley Martelly, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Schuler, Chief Financial Officer
Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board
Brittany Carbullido, Assistant to the CEO/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Aaron Millstein, Counsel

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Campbell stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People.

Chair Campbell led attendees in the Flag Salute, followed by a moment of silence.

OPENING REMARKS AND HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Chair Campbell welcomed board members, staff, and citizens to the meeting and provided attendees with instructions for meeting participation.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Honoring Miguel Nava for Operator of the Month for December 2022

Transportation Assistant Manager Ron Makenzie honored Operator Miguel Nava for being selected Operator of the Month for December 2022, noting that Mr. Nava has been an operator at Pierce Transit since March 2019 and discussing the qualities of his work ethic that qualified him for receiving the award.

Mr. Nava provided comments relating to receiving the award and expressed that he tries to do his best every day.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Campbell congratulated Mr. Nava and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Welcoming Shannon Reynolds from the City of Fircrest, Representing the Cities of Fircrest and University Place

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Chair Campbell welcomed Commissioner Shannon Reynolds from the City of Fircrest, who will be representing the Cities of Fircrest and University Place.

2. Filling a Vacancy on the Service Delivery and Capital Committee

Chair Campbell deferred making the appointment to the Service Delivery and Capital Committee until the next meeting, when there is expected to be a full complement of the Board.

3. Honoring Commissioners Kent Keel and Victoria Woodards for Their Service on the Pierce Transit Board

The Board recognized and honored Commissioner Keel for serving on the Pierce Transit Board from May 2012 through December 2022. Commissioner Keel was presented with an appreciation of service plaque and honorary gavel for serving as the Chair of the Pierce Transit Board from June 2016 – June 2018.

The Board recognized and honored Commissioner Woodards for serving on the Pierce Transit Board from February 2018 through January 2023 and for serving as the Chair of the Pierce Transit Board from June 2019-June 2021. Commissioner Woodards was presented with an appreciation of service plaque.

4. Recognizing Lieutenant Jeff Alwine from the City of Lakewood for the Coordination of the Law Enforcement Partnership Between the City of Lakewood and Pierce Transit

Lieutenant Alwine was honored for his service and dedication for leading coordination efforts of Law Enforcement services between Pierce Transit and the

City of Lakewood since 2014 and helping with the deployment of officers out in the Pierce Transit system. He was presented with an appreciation plaque.

5. Honoring Chief of Public Safety Jim Kelly for his Service to Pierce Transit

Jim Kelly was honored for his service and dedication for serving as Chief of Public Safety for Pierce Transit and was presented with a Crystal Bus in appreciation for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Campbell provided participation instructions to the public and opened public comment.

No written or oral public comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below were distributed to Commissioners in advance for reading and study and are enacted with one motion. Item(s) may be moved to the Action Agenda at the request of a commissioner.)

Commissioners Mello and Roscoe **moved** and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion **carried**, 8-0.

1. Approval of Vouchers, December 1 – 31, 2022
Operating Fund #10
Self-Insurance Fund #40
Capital Fund #90
Payment Nos. 379706 through 379938
Wire Nos. 12315 through 12608
No Advance Travel Checks
Total \$8,910,557.11
2. Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2022, special study session meeting
3. FS 2023-001, Authorized the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Multi-Year Contract with Battery Systems, Inc., (Contract No. 1479) for the Purchase of Batteries for Fuel-Powered Vehicles in the Amount of \$630,000
4. FS 2023-002, Authorized the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Multi-Year Contract with American Custodial, Inc., (Contract No. 1533) for Janitorial Services at Operations Base Buildings 1-3, 6, Tacoma Dome Station East and West, Commerce Street Facilities, and the North-End Bus Turnaround, in the Amount of \$1,775,000

ACTION AGENDA

1. FS 2023-004, Electing a Primary Alternate Transit Representative to the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board for Calendar Year 2023

Commissioners Mello and Roscoe moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2023-001 electing Chair Marty Campbell as the primary representative and Commissioner Daryl Eidinger as the alternate representative on the PSRC Transportation Policy Board for calendar year 2023.

Motion **carried**, 8-0.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

1. Amendments to Fare Policy and Consideration to Implement ORCA LIFT

Senior Planner Lanai Tua provided a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the proposed fare amendments, which also included an analysis of the ORCA LIFT program, including but not limited to eligibility requirements of the program, estimates for how many customers within the PTBA would qualify, impacts to ridership and revenue. Ms. Lanai reviewed the timeline for adoption and responded to questions relating to ridership projections.

CEO Griffus expressed that Pierce Transit is the only transit system in the ORCA program that does not participate in ORCA LIFT and noted that this program will pare nicely with the Tacoma Link when it is operationalized as the fare structure would be the same.

Ms. Lanai also shared that Pierce Transit's Community Transportation Advisory Group received an overview of the proposed fare amendments and was very supportive of the proposed fare amendment, including the implementation of the ORCA LIFT program.

Various commissioners expressed their support for moving forward with the program, citing the benefits such as it would provide consistency across the system and would be helpful to low-income riders, and simplify riding the system.

Staff was encouraged to coordinate the implementation of the ORCA LIFT program with the opening of the Tacoma Link, followed by staff acknowledging coordination efforts that are already underway and would continue.

STAFF UPDATES

1. CEO'S Report

CEO Mike Griffus shared the following items:

- Shared the agency's new bus wrap promoting the Free Youth Transit Pass program and noted that the agency is making plans now with school districts to get the bus to schools for events and the bus will be out at events throughout

the year at various outreach events. He thanked the Marketing Department for their great work on this project.

- Welcomed Commissioner Shannon Reynolds from the City of Fircrest.
- Thanked Commissioner Woodards for hiring him.

INFORMATIONAL BOARD ITEMS

1. Chair's Report

Chair Campbell reported that the next Executive Finance Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 19 at 3:00 p.m.

2. Sound Transit Update

Commissioner Roscoe provided an update on the progress of various Sound Transit expansion projects and noted that the Hilltop Link extension is experiencing delays.

3. Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board Update

Commissioner Mello reported on the work that was conducted at the December meeting, noting they received an update on how the Regional Transportation Plan is set to perform against the 2030 climate goals. He reported that there is a focus on safety and spoke about an upcoming Safety Convening that will be organized and the potential Safe Street Grant (if awarded to PSRC) being consolidated under the scoping of the Regional Transportation Plan.

He also reported that they are getting closer to a recommendation about the federal funding formula and hope to hear no later than the February meeting.

4. Commissioners' Comments

No comments were provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. the regular meeting was recessed into executive session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(iii) to discuss matters relating to litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice. The Chair advised that no final action or disposition will occur on any matter when the Board returns to open session.

At 5:35 p.m., the executive session was extended 15 minutes. The extension was announced to attendees.

At 5:51 p.m., the executive session was extended 10 minutes. The extension was announced to attendees. (Commissioners Woodards,

RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell reconvened the meeting back to open session at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners Eidinger and Mello **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Motion **carried**, 5-0.



Deanne Jacobson
Clerk of the Board



Marty Campbell, Chair
Board of Commissioners