

**Sound Transit  
Special Executive Committee Summary Minutes**

**March 23, 1999**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 p.m. by Chair Paul Miller.

Attendance

(P) Paul Miller, Chair	(A) Greg Nickels
(P) Bob Drewel, Vice Chair	(P) Paul Schell
(P) Dave Earling	(A) Ron Sims
(P) Mary Gates	(A) Cynthia Sullivan
(A) Jane Hague	(P) Doug Sutherland
(A) Richard McIver	

Mr. Miller announced that a special meeting of the Executive Committee had been called to allow the Committee to take action on Resolution No. R99-9, subject to ratification by the Board. Resolution No. 80, the Board's rules and operating procedures, states that "Special meetings of any Committee or Subcommittee may be called by the Committee or Subcommittee chair...by notifying the Board Administrator and Board Chair and each member of the Committee or Subcommittee by telephone or by delivering or transmitting written notice of the items of business, location and time of said special meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance thereof."

Because a quorum was not yet present, Mr. Miller asked for public comment.

Mr. Martin Durkan Jr., representing the Tukwila Transit Partnership, spoke regarding Resolution R99-9. He cautioned the Committee that this action could have ramifications regarding the rights of a city or county in dealing with "essential public facilities." He spoke about the ability of administrative appeal on a comprehensive plan. The sovereign right for zoning and comprehensive planning is in the municipal government; that right is granted through the city charter or county charter. That's the authority that rests with the government. Sound Transit is concerned in regards to the Essential Public Facilities. GMA is fairly clear that communities need to accept these essential public facilities, but it's unclear whether or not they can dictate to a city or county where they absolutely must go inside the city or county boundary. He expressed that he wants the Board to be cognizant to what this really means in terms of a decision that is rendered in the future in regards to what the rights are for a city or a county for essential public facilities.

At 12:00, Mr. Miller recessed the meeting.

Mr. Miller reconvened the meeting at 12:05 as a quorum of the Committee was present.

Resolution No. R99-9 - Confirming the Executive Director's authority to authorize legal/administrative actions, suits and appeals

**It was moved by Mr. Drewel, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Resolution No. R99-9 be approved, subject to ratification by the Board.**

Mr. Sutherland indicated a need to reexamine the definition of a quorum for a committee or subcommittee.

He asked that a resolution be prepared which would allow a majority of the members present to constitute a quorum, rather than defining a quorum as a majority of the members on the committee

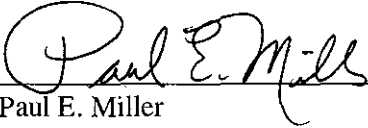
**Next Meeting**

Friday, April 2, 1999, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., at the Sound Transit 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**Adjourn**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Recorded by Amy Ebersole  
Board Coordinator

  
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Paul E. Miller  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator