



Summary Minutes

**Board Meeting
March 26, 2026**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Dave Somers and was available for viewing in person in the Sound Transit Board Room of Union Station, 401 South Jackson, Seattle, Washington and online.

The meeting was recorded and can be found at <https://www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/board-directors/meeting-videos>.

Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chairs
(P) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive	(A) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember (A) Ryan Mello, Pierce County Executive

Board members	
(P) Angela Birney, City of Redmond Mayor	(P) Ed Prince, City of Renton Councilmember
(P) Steffanie Fain, King County Councilmember	(P) Kim Roscoe, City of Fife Mayor
(P) Cassie Franklin, City of Everett Mayor	(P) Dan Strauss, City of Seattle Councilmember
(P) Hunter George, City of Fircrest Councilmember	(A) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember
(P) Thomas McLeod, City of Tukwila Mayor	(P) Kristina Walker, City of Tacoma Councilmember
(P) Cordelia Crocket, WSDOT Secretary Alternate	(P) Katie Wilson, City of Seattle Mayor
(P) Teresa Mosqueda, King County Councilmember	(P) Girmay Zahilay, King County Executive
(P) David Parshall, City of Lynnwood Councilmember	

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Monthly Contract Report - The meeting packet included the monthly CEO contract report for February 2026, as well as the monthly Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) report. Also in today's materials is the 2025 Procurement, Contracts and Agreements Annual Report.

Downtown Redmond Contingency Use Memo – Chair Somers noted that the Memo detailing the use of contingency authorized under Motion No. M2025-09 by the Downtown Redmond Link Extension project is also included.

CEO Report

CEO Constantine provided the report.

Enterprise Initiative – CEO Constantine thanked the Board members for their engagement and input at last week's Board Retreat. He reminded the Board of the goal to adopt an updated ST3 System Plan by the end of Q2 and encouraged the Board to continue their engagement and feedback. Staff are committed to providing necessary information to address the challenges to the program.

Crosslake Connection Opening – CEO Constantine reminded the Board of the exciting opening of the Crosslake Connection in just two days. Following the speaking program and ribbon-cutting, the trains will be put to good use as many events were taking place during the upcoming weekend.

Public Comment

Chair Somers announced that the Board was accepting public comment via email and verbally through the virtual meeting platform.

The following people provided written public comment to the Board:

Alik Brundrett, Carson Hartmann, Justin Gailey, Jesse Swingle, Peyton Stever, and over 500 additional individuals

Lin Yang

Pierce Transit's Community Transportation Advisory Group

Joel Thornton, Keith J Weir, Coleman Byrnes, and Ingrid Salmon

Teresa Stern, Alex, Adam, Brian Kaku, Eric Meyer, and Cory Parris

Elijah

Carole Lieber Glickfeld

Bear, Chris Craven, Conner Shultz, Debra Cason, and Chris Petzold

Brien Chow

Betty Lau

Bill Hirt

Sean Albert, Mary Fertakis, Patricia Cokus, and Roby Snow

Sheila Stickel of National Nordic Museum

John Niles

The following people provided in-person verbal public comment to the Board:

Casey Trent

Caleb Trent

Essie Nsirro

Tosi Fana

Sam Nyambe

Betty Lau

Brien Chow

Kirk Hovenkotter

Aimee Butterworth

Eugene Wasserman

Caleb Fitzgerald

Isabella Kanix Wolfhound

Greg Woodfill

Robert Cruishank

Marykate Ryan

Jonatan Gonzalez

Marcia Peterson

Kyle Fohrman

Leonard Harrison Jerome

Michael Gillenwater

Sara Bliss

Julie Sebag

Cesar Gutierrez

David Scott

Felipe Anaya-Vitello

David Folweiler

Jack Whisner

Nick Bozonelos

Devin Cabanilla

Charlie Lapham

Julie Scharin

Paul Adair

Mike Stewart

Tom Malone

Roger Lorenze

Max Lorenze

Paul Sweum

Ra-tah

David Hill

Richard Borkowski

Sheila Stickel

Mark Mullet

Joe Kunzler

Samuel Stullup

Sam Hem

Noah Williams

Patrick White

Brandon der Blatter

The following people provided virtual verbal public comment to the Board:

Chris Mackay
Mary Miller
Josh Amato
Bellevue Councilmember Claire Sumadiwirya
Nicole Grant
Day-Z Gould
Geraldine Poor

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification: February 2026

Minutes of the February 26, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting

The consent agenda was moved by Board member Birney and seconded by Board member McLeod.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Business items

Motion No. M2026-11: Authorizing the chief executive officer to (1) execute a progressive design build contract with Hoffman Construction Company of Washington for all phases of design and construction of the Operations and Maintenance Facility South Buildings and Yard and to exercise the option to include all phases of the OMF South Main Line and Test Track, and to advance certain individual early work construction packages as needed and (2) to authorize funding for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of OMF-South Buildings and Yard and the Main Line and Test Track and for amounts for early works packages under the Contract, for a total authority to contract in the amount not to exceed \$318,205,477, with an approximate 10% contingency of \$31,794,523, totaling \$350,000,000, contingent upon adoption of Resolution No. R2026 05.

Michael Morgan, Capital Delivery Executive Director, Eza Agoes, Executive Project Director, and Hughey Newsome, Chief Financial Officer, provided the staff presentation on this and the following action.

Board member McLeod inquired into the estimated total cost for the project. Mr. Morgan responded that the Financial Plan as \$2.1 Billion allocated for the Operations and Maintenance Facility South and today's actions would authorize the expenditure for some of those funds.

Board member Wilson inquired into the status of the Christian Faith Center property mentioned during public comment. Mr. Morgan stated that Sound Transit is in possession of the property and is currently leasing the property back to the church. Action later this summer is expected to confirm a final valuation through the court system. He believes that Sound Transit has extended all the support and resources available. If more detail is needed, he can arrange for a meeting with Real Property staff.

Board member Birney reported that the System Expansion Committee considered this and the following action at its meeting earlier this month and unanimously forwarded both actions to the Board with do-pass recommendations. The Committee was impressed with the Progressive Design-Build methodology being brought to Sound Transit and acknowledged the important investment in the South Sound represented by the project.

It was moved by Board member Birney, seconded by Board member Walker, and carried by the unanimous vote of all the Board members present that Motion No. M2026-11 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2026-05: Amending the Adopted 2026 Budget to progress the Operations and Maintenance Facility South project by a) increasing the authorized project allocation by \$350,000,000 from \$524,729,393 to \$874,729,393 and b) increasing the adopted 2026 annual project budget by \$32,000,000 from \$175,471,265 to \$207,471,265.

Chair Somers noted that information on this action was included in the previous presentation.

Resolution No. R2026-05 was moved by Board member Birney and seconded by Vice Chair Mello.

Board member Birney reiterated that the System Expansion Committee considered this and the following action at its meeting earlier this month and unanimously forwarded the Resolution to the Board with do-pass recommendation.

Chair Somers called for a roll call vote on Resolution No. R2026-05.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Angela Birney	Ed Prince
Steffanie Fain	Kim Roscoe
Cassie Franklin	Dan Strauss
Hunter George	Kristina Walker
Thomas McLeod	Katie Wilson
Teresa Mosqueda	Girmay Zahilay
David Parshall	Dave Somers

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all the Board members present that Resolution No. R2026-05 be approved as presented.

Resolution No. R2026-04: Adopting Part Two of the 2026 Service Plan and approving major service changes to ST Express routes.

Emily Yasukochi, System and Service Planning Director, provided the staff presentation.

Chair Somers inquired if there is a current plan for overnight service from Everett since Community Transit has indicated it would not be able to serve the route until 2027. Ms. Yasukochi responded that there are talks with King County Metro on potentially running a shortened service, but more discussions are needed to finalize the plan.

Resolution No. R2026-04 was moved by Board member Walker and seconded by Board member Strauss.

Board member Walker presided over two public hearings and reported out on the comments received. She also reported that the Rider Experience and Operations Committee considered this action earlier this month and unanimously recommended the Resolution to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Amendment 1 to Resolution No. R2026-04 was moved by Board member Walker and seconded by Board member Strauss.

Amendment 1 – offered by Board member Walker

On page 1-2, amend the action language in the Resolution No. R2026-04 Staff Report and Resolution documents as follows:

Adopting Part Two of the 2026 Service Plan, [approving the Title VI service equity analysis conducted for the service plan](#), and approving major services changes to ST Express routes.

And, amend the resolution document of Resolution No. R2026-04 to add the following as the sixth recital:

[WHEREAS, the results and findings of the Title VI service equity analysis were presented and considered by the Board as part of its review of the service plan; and](#)

Board member Walker stated that staff identified the need for this language to ensure federal regulatory compliance with Title VI. She also thanked staff for their work in informing the Board of the service changes and conducting extensive outreach. She also highlighted key coordination with Pierce Transit.

It was carried by the majority vote of all the Board members present that Resolution No. R2026-04 be amended by Amendment 1.

Board member Wilson stated her support for the action and acknowledged that some people will have more difficult transit options as a result.

Board member Fain noted the extensive discussion on the Service Plan at the Rider Experience and Operations Committee and thanked Board member Walker for her leadership in the South end. She echoed Board member Wilson's comments on acknowledging that change will be difficult for some riders.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of all the Board members present that Resolution No. R2026-04 be approved as amended.

Motion No. M2026-09: Adopting 2026 performance goals and objectives for Sound Transit Chief Executive Officer Dow Constantine.

Chair Somers reported that the Executive Committee considered this action earlier this month and unanimously forwarded the Motion to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

It was moved by Board member Wilson, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by the unanimous vote of all the Board members present that Motion No. M2026-09 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2026-12: Appointing Thomas Hingson and Fred Jarrett to the Community Oversight Panel to serve a term of three years beginning April 1, 2026, and expiring March 31, 2029.

Chair Somers explained that the nominations were discussed at the Executive Committee earlier this month. There were no objections made at the Committee meeting, so staff were directed to draft the action for appointment to the Community Oversight Panel.

Board member Franklin stated her support for the appointment of Thomas Hingson, who served for many years as the Everett Transit Director.

Board member Birney stated her support for the appointment of Fred Jarrett, who previously served on the Mercer Island Council, as a Washington State Representative and Senator, and as the Deputy Executive for King County.

It was moved by Board member Birney, seconded by Board member Franklin, and carried by the unanimous vote of all the Board members present that Motion No. M2026-12 be approved as presented.

Reports to the Board – None

Executive Session – None

Other business – None

Next meeting

The next Board meeting would be held on April 23, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Ruth Fisher Board Room and as a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Somers
Board Chair

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on _____, AJM.