

Summary Minutes

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting July 9, 2026

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Thomas McLeod and was available for viewing in person and online.

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

Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chair
(P) Thomas McLeod, Tukwila Mayor	(P) David Parshall, Lynnwood Councilmember

Board Members	
(A) Hunter George, Fircrest Councilmember	(P) Ed Prince, Renton Councilmember
(A) Teresa Mosqueda, King County Councilmember	(P) Kim Roscoe, Fife Mayor
	(A) Dan Strauss, Seattle Councilmember

Hunter Rancipher, Board Relations Specialist, announced a quorum of the Committee was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Chair McLeod noted that committee members received the 2025 annual fare revenue report for their review and consideration, and to contact staff with any questions they may have. He also shared his congratulations to agency staff for their work during the World Cup.

CEO Report

Recent Major Service Disruption

CEO Constantine detailed a service disruption that started the morning of July 9th, which resulted in 47 passengers needing to be evacuated from a train that was stuck north of the University of Washington Station. He noted that a bus bridge has been established to move passengers along the disruption portion of the alignment, but that there was no estimated time for the full restoration of normal service. CEO Constantine thanked riders for their patience during this disruption and apologized for the inconvenience caused by the interruption.

Public comment

Chair McLeod announced that public comment would be accepted via email to meetingcomments@soundtransit.org and would also be accepted virtually and in person.

The following person provided written public comment:

Bill Hirt

No in-person or virtual public comment was received.

Business Items

For Final Committee Action

May 14, 2026, Finance and Audit Committee meeting minutes

It was moved by Board member Roscoe, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Parshall, and carried by unanimous voice vote of the committee members present that the minutes of the May 14, 2026, Finance and Audit Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Deputy CEO and CFO Report – None

Internal Audit Report

Q2 2026 Internal Audit Update

Moises Gutierrez, Agency Oversight Deputy CEO, provided opening remarks, remarking that internal staff had consulted with the agency counsel regarding the Crowe LLC's recommendation pertaining to the independence of the agency's internal audit function and had confirmed that the agency's current model and practices meet all legal requirements and are aligned with industry standards. He further noted that staff will work to strengthen the audit team's function in alignment with the spirit of the recommendation, while reiterating the various means by which the internal audit function has direct reporting and communication authority with the CEO and Finance and Audit Committee.

Chair McLeod thanked Mr. Gutierrez for confirming that the agency's internal audit structure meets all legal requirements and asked if it was accurate to state that while Crowe was conducting their usual annual audit, they shared observations and the agency is taking them under advisement going forward. Mr. Gutierrez responded in the affirmative.

Chair McLeod requested that if Committee members have questions regarding this topic, they contact staff directly following the meeting to ensure proper follow-up. He then called on Patrick Johnson, Audit Director, to provide the internal audit report.

Mr. Johnson reported that two audits, the Tacoma Link Light Rail Annual Compliance Audit and Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS) Internal Audit, were completed in Q2 2026, with three findings between them. Both findings for the Tacoma Link audit have implemented management action plans and are considered closed. The one finding for ESMS is still open, with a fully implemented remediation expected by the end of the year.

Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the 2026 Internal Audit Dashboard, highlighting that of the 23 audits for the year, six have been completed, with a further four in progress. The remaining 10 have not yet started, due to a moratorium on audit work during the World Cup period, with a further three having been postponed due to delays in specific projects.

Mr. Johnson reviewed three currently in progress audits for Q3 2026. The ST Express Bus Service Annual Compliance Audit is an FTA required annual audit which confirms the required safety processes and controls are in place and operating as intended. The Pinehurst Link Light Rail Stations Safety and Security Certification Audit supports regulatory compliance and ensures the project meets safety and security requirements prior to opening for revenue service. The Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Internal Audit was the special topic recommended by the Community Oversight Panel and selected by the Finance and Audit Committee in 2025. All audits are in progress, with the results being reported to the Committee at a later date once they are complete.

Chair McLeod noted that the 2026 Tacoma Link Annual Compliance Audit had one finding that was repeated from previous audits and asked whether staff had addressed the finding sufficiently to ensure it would not happen again. Mr. Johnson responded in the affirmative.

Executive Session

Chair McLeod advised that the Committee was going into executive session to discuss information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks. He introduced Andrés Muñoz, Sound Transit Senior Legal Counsel, who explained that the Board was allowed to enter into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(a) to discuss information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks.

Chair McLeod noted that the Committee would be in executive session for 15 minutes.

The executive session began at 10:48 a.m., with the Committee scheduled to return at 11:03 a.m.

Chair McLeod called the Committee back into regular session at 11:03 a.m.

Other business – None

Next meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom and Virtually via an online meeting platform

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

ATTEST:

Thomas McLeod
Finance and Audit Committee Chair

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on _____ HRR.