



Summary Minutes

Board Meeting
February 22, 2024

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Dow Constantine in a Virtual Meeting via telephone and video conference.

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 Chairs
(P) Dow Constantine, King County Executive	(P) Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

Board members	
(A) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor	(P) Ed Prince, City of Renton Council President
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember	(P) Kim Roscoe, City of Fife Mayor
(P) Angela Birney, City of Redmond Mayor	(P) Dan Strauss, City of Seattle Councilmember
(P) Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive	(P) Dave Upthegrove, King County Council Chair
(A) Cassie Franklin, City of Everett Mayor	(P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember
(A) Christine Frizzell, City of Lynnwood Mayor	(P) Kristina Walker, City of Tacoma Councilmember
(A) Bruce Harrell, City of Seattle Mayor	(P) Girmay Zahilay, King County Council Vice Chair
(P) Jim Kastama, City of Puyallup Mayor	
(P) Roger Millar, WSDOT Secretary	

Adam Montee, Board Administration Senior Program Manager, announced that a quorum of the Board was present at roll call.

Report of the Chair

Welcoming new Board member Kastama

Chair Constantine welcomed Puyallup Mayor Jim Kastama to the Board as the newest member from Pierce County. Board member Kastama was confirmed on February 13, 2024 to serve the remainder of former Board member Keel’s term.

Monthly Contract Report

Chair Constantine noted that the new consolidated monthly CEO Contract Report was included in the packet. There is also a short transition report for the second half of December 2023.

Annual Contract Report

Also in the meeting materials, staff provided the 2023 Procurement, Contracts, and Agreements Annual Report.



CEO Report

Interim CEO Sparrman provided the report.

2 Line Opening Date

CEO Sparrman announced that the initial segment of the 2 Line (East Link Starter Line) would open on April 27. He was joined by Board members Constantine, Balducci, and Birney for the press event last week at the Bellevue Downtown Station.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at Bellevue Downtown Station, with activities, exhibits, and entertainment at all eight stations along the line.

At-grade crossing update

As a result of a 2022 partnership agreement with the Seattle Department of Transportation, staff will be presenting an update on at-grade crossing safety enhancement work for the Rainier Valley corridor at meetings next month. This includes new signage and alerts, as well as piloting a series of innovative technologies funded by a federal SMART grant.

Following the initial updates, CEO Sparrman committed to returning to the Board with a staff recommendation to enhance at-grade crossing safety in the MLK corridor.

Youth Achievement Center Site Change

Following passage of Motion No. M2023-83, which approved key business terms for Phase 1 of the Youth Achievement Center near the Columbia City station, Africatown Community Land Trust identified that moving forward with Site 1 instead of the previous planned Site 3 would be preferable. The sites are adjacent to one another, and are of similar size and value.

As the key business terms and all other aspects of the negotiated terms sheet will remain the same, staff have concluded that additional Board action is not required to take action. Staff will continue to work with the community and bring a potential recommendation to the Board for consideration in the future for Phase 2 of the development project.

January Service Disruption Retrospective

Following the completion of the extended service disruption, staff conducted an internal retrospective review of this effort. This exercise is part of growing the agencies continuous improvement practice. Staff identified several significant challenges that need to be addressed for future disruptions and have already begun brainstorming opportunities and solutions. More information would be brought to the March Rider Experience and Operations Committee meeting as a report.

Citing technical difficulties, at approximately 1:44 p.m. Chair Constantine put the Board into recess for at least 5 mins to allow staff to potentially address the issues.

The meeting resumed at 2:05 p.m. Chair Constantine noted that there is a disconnect between the virtual Webex meeting and the Boardroom's audio. While Board members attending virtually can hear discussions from Board members in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, the virtual meeting participants couldn't be heard in the Boardroom. For the purposes of recording votes, Chair Constantine asked those online to use visual signs, such as thumbs-up or down.

Public Comment

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

Before hearing public comments, Chair Constantine announced that earlier this month an individual had violated the Board's public comment rules and was issued an exclusion from verbal Public Comment. He noted that the Board rules allow an individual to be excluded from providing verbal public comment for up to 180 days if a second violation occurs within a six-month timeframe. At the February 8, 2024 System Expansion Committee Meeting, Committee Chair Balducci ruled Alex Tsimerman's public comment out of order and excluded him from providing verbal public comment for a period of 180 days, from February 8, 2024 to August 6, 2024. Chair Constantine explained that Mr. Tsimerman is still able to submit written public comment during his exclusion from verbal comment. Chair Constantine stated that the Board rules allow the decision to be overruled by a majority vote of the Board members in attendance at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Chair Constantine asked if any Boardmembers had an objection to the exclusion. There were no verbal or visual objections.

The following people provided written public comment to the Board:

John Ho
Christy Korrow
Joe Kunzler
Les Parrot
Jamie
Katy King
Troy Serad

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

Kathleen Barry Johnson
Ashley Holland
Betty Lau
Brian Chow

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

Chris Woodward
Joe Kunzler

Board member Strauss asked that the disruptive behavior of Mr. Tsimerman leaving the Boardroom, and its impact to other's present, be noted in the record.

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification: January 2024

Minutes: Minutes for the January 25, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

Motion No. M2024-05: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with HNTB Corporation for advancing the design of integrated transit-oriented development for stations along the alignments of the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions in the amount of \$6,798,391 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$326,492,144.

Motion No. M2024-06: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Project Administration Agreement with the City of Everett for the Everett Link Extension and OMF North project.

Motion No. M2024-07: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a Project Administration Agreement with Snohomish County for the Everett Link Extension and OMF North project.

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

It was carried by the unanimous vote of the 14 Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Business items

Motion No. M2024-08: Ratifying the chief executive officer's finding of the existence of an emergency to repair a water main break at the Operations and Maintenance Facility Central.

Michelle Walker, Deputy Executive Director of Facilities and System Maintenance, gave the staff presentation.

It was moved by Board member Birney, seconded by Board member Roscoe, and carried by the unanimous vote of the 16 Board members present that Motion No. M2024-08 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2024-09: Electing a Sound Transit Board Vice Chair to complete the remainder of the unexpired two-year term, beginning February 22, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Chair Constantine explained that under the Board's Operating Rules, the Washington State Secretary of Transportation should preside over the election of Board Chair and Vice Chair. Given the technical difficulties, he asked for a motion to suspend the rules so that he could continue presiding.

Board member Balducci moved to suspend the rules, Board member Millar seconded, and it was carried by the unanimous voice vote 14 Board members present.

Chair Constantine announced that the Executive Committee recommended Board member Kim Roscoe to serve as Vice Chair and he asked for additional nominations. No additional nominations were heard.

On behalf of the Pierce County delegation, Board member Walker stated her excitement to elect Board member Roscoe as Vice Chair of the Board.

Board member Strauss expressed his support for the motion and excitement to work with Board member Roscoe.

It was moved by Board member Walker, seconded by Board member Balducci, and carried by the unanimous vote of the 16 Board members present that Motion No. M2024-09 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2024-10: Updating committee members and establishing committee meeting schedules for 2024.

Chair Constantine introduced the motion, noting it was drafted after conversations with Board members.

It was moved by Board member Prince, seconded by Board member Birney, and carried by the unanimous vote of the 16 Board members present that Motion No. M2024-10 be approved as presented.

Reports to the Board

None.

Other business

None.

Next meeting

The next regular Board meeting would be held on March 28, 2024, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Ruth Fisher Board Room and as a virtual meeting via WebEx.

A Board Retreat would be held on February 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Room in Everett Station.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on March 28, 2024, AJM.