

Summary Minutes

Board Meeting
November 20, 2025

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chair Dave Somers 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/meeting-videos>.

Roll call of members

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

Board members	
(A) Nancy Backus, City of Auburn Mayor (P) Angela Birney, City of Redmond Mayor (P) Shannon Braddock, King County Executive (A) Cassie Franklin, City of Everett Mayor (A) Christine Frizzell, City of Lynnwood Mayor (P) Hunter George, City of Fircrest Councilmember (A) Bruce Harrell, City of Seattle Mayor (P) Ron Pate, WSDOT Secretary Alternate	(P) Ed Prince, City of Renton Councilmember (P) De'Sean Quinn, King County Councilmember (P) Kim Roscoe, City of Fife Mayor (P) Dan Strauss, City of Seattle Councilmember (P) Peter von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember (P) Kristina Walker, City of Tacoma Councilmember (P) Girmay Zahilay, King County Council Chair

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 October 2025.

Recognizing Departing Board members – Chair Somers recognized Board members Shannon Braddock and De'Sean Quinn and thanked them for their service as members of the Sound Transit Board. He also recognized WSDOT Secretary Alternative Ron Pate who is retiring after many years of fostering collaboration between Sound Transit and WSDOT.

Board Retreat Recap – Chair Somers thanked all of the Board members who were able to attend the Board Retreat last week. He reflected that the additional grounding has been built and good will strengthened that will foster regional solidarity to ensure the Board does what is right for the district's residents. Board leadership will be working with staff to develop a number of scenarios to surface initial items to react to and work with, in relation to the Enterprise Initiative. He added that the next retreat is likely to occur in February and more information would be shared over the next few months.

CEO Report

CEO Constantine provided the report.

Next steps following Board Retreat – CEO Constantine reflected on the retreat and confirmed Chair Somers’s direction to develop plausible scenarios – not immediate answers – that will aide the Board in moving the Enterprise Initiative conversation forward.

Monthly maintenance windows underway – Newly implemented monthly, extended overnight maintenance windows have kicked-off in October with a focus on track and overhead catenary system repairs between Angle Lake and Rainier Beach stations. The extended windows allow teams to accomplish 50-150% more work than during standard maintenance windows. The November window is currently underway.

Federal Way full-scale exercise – On October 25, Sound Transit conducted a full-scale emergency response simulation for the Federal Way Link Extension. The exercise involved more than 220 total participants, including members of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Committee for first responders to gain experience evacuating wheelchairs, powered mobility devices, and sight guide dogs from the train to safety.

Praise for security team – CEO Constantine relayed a letter of thanks to the Sound Transit security team for their work in helping locate and reunite a missing person with his family. He thanked Security Manager Marc Jines, Security Manager Dan Graf, and Officer Osman, who are mentioned by name in the letter, as well as the other officers involved.

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:

Brien Chow
Betty Lau

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

Brien Chow
Isabella Wolfhound
Kathleen Barry Johnson

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

Joe Kunzler

Consent Agenda

Voucher Certification: October 2025

Minutes of the October 23, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting

Motion No. M2025-54: Adopting the Sound Transit 2026 State Legislative Program and directing staff to evaluate and engage in issues that impact the agency as it continues to implement a regional high-capacity transit system.

The consent agenda was moved by Board member Quinn and seconded by Board member Braddock.

It was carried by the unanimous vote of the 13 Board members present that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Business items

Resolution No. R2025-29: Adopting an annual budget for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2026, and adopting the 2026 Transit Improvement Plan.

Ryan Fisher, Finance Executive Director, and Jenny Stephens and Stephanie Ball, Directors of Financial Planning, Analysis, and Budget, provided the staff presentation.

Board member Backus arrived during the presentation.

Resolution No. R2025-29 was moved by Board member Roscoe and seconded by Board member Strauss.

Board member Roscoe, who chaired the Finance and Audit Committee meeting, reported that the Committee considered this item and unanimously forwarded the Resolution with a do-pass recommendation. She noted that the Committee asked for additional information regarding internal budget transfers for the West Seattle Link Extension and the expected deliverables.

Chair Somers highlighted that the lack of questions today most likely reflects the good work by Sound Transit to engage with Board members and Committees on the proposed 2026 Budget.

Board member Strauss echoed the sentiment raised by Chair Somers.

Chair Somers called for a roll call vote on Resolution No. R2025-29.

Ayes

Nancy Backus	De'Sean Quinn
Claudia Balducci	Kim Roscoe
Angela Birney	Dan Strauss
Shannon Braddock	Peter von Reichbauer
Hunter George	Kristina Walker
Ryan Mello	Girmay Zahilay
Ed Prince	Dave Somers

Nays

It was carried by the unanimous vote of the 14 Board members present that Resolution No. R2025-29 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2025-56: Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with MV Transportation Inc. to provide Stride Bus Rapid Transit Contracted Service Provider services in the amount of \$431,597,114, with a contingency of \$2,000,000 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$433,597,114.

Rick Capka, Stride BRT Executive Project Director, Lucien Bruno, Stride BRT Operations Deputy Program Executive, and Ben Marx, Operations Executive Director, provided the staff presentation.

Board member Walker reported that the Rider Experience and Operations Committee considered this item and unanimously forwarded the Motion with a do-pass recommendation. She highlighted that while the term of the contract spans several phases across the years, the Committee was reassured that there are mechanisms to re-evaluate at select points should the agency feel it is necessary.

It was moved by Board member Walker, seconded by Board member Roscoe, and carried by the unanimous vote of the 14 Board members present that Motion No. M2025-56 be approved as presented.

Reports to the Board

Chair Somers noted that there were no reports today.

Executive Session

Chair Somers noted that there was no need for an Executive Sessions.

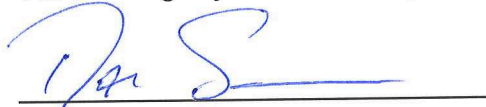
Other business – None

Next meeting

The next Board meeting would be held on December 18, 2025, 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 2:32 p.m.



Dave Somers
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator

APPROVED on December 18, 2025, AJM.