

CAC MINUTES

March 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members Present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Madeline Handzlik, Chris and Judy Jones, Daniel Kihangu, John Norman, Monette Partin, Irene Prokuski, Valerie Rose, and Cheryl Willis and Alan Brooks from Skagit Transit, along with Guest Belle Tromp and Rogelio Conejo-Castro.

There were no public comments at this time.

It was moved by Chris, seconded by Monette the February minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Skagit Transit's Operations Manager Belle Tromp then gave an excellent presentation regarding events leading her to work in the mass transit industry, and addressing areas of focus for the agency and how they dove-tail one into another: Safety, accessibility, communication, training, and action. She was also able to field questions throughout the meeting.

She mentioned that, with the upcoming class of drivers, the agency will be up to full staff.

As presenter members Valerie Rose and BJ Carol could not present, due to glitches in the Teams platform, it is hoped they will be able to do so for April's meeting.

Judy Jones gave an update on HB1418, PTBA governing bodies, that would allow for two rider representatives to be voting board members. It has passed the house and has been referred to Transportation as of March 7.

Doris and Chris encourage members to go to <https://www.leg.wa.gov> to keep tabs on bills of interest.

Alan Brooks gave a very interesting ridership update, showing general upward trends, yet with some downward fluctuations among various routes.

Near the end of the meeting, Irene asked the question why buses can wait for the Sounder to arrive, whereas they cannot wait for Amtrak. Alan stated that according to the grant funding, Amtrak is thought of as a private provider, and not subject to policies governed by state mass transit.

It was moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned by Monette and Daniel, respectively.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair