

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Skagit Transit Board of Directors met in a regular meeting in Burlington, WA. Commissioner Peter Browning chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Members Present

Peter Browning, Skagit County Commissioner (Chair)
Assessor Dany Hagen (attending as a representative for Ron Wesen, Skagit County Commissioner)
Joe Burns, Skagit County Commissioner (Vice Chair)
Peter Donovan, City of Mount Vernon, Mayor
Julia Johnson, City of Sedro Woolley, Mayor
Bill Aslett, City of Burlington, Mayor
Paul Cocke, City of Sedro Woolley, Councilmember
Hannah Oliver, City of Mount Vernon, Councilmember

Members Present via Teleconference

Carolyn Moulton, City of Anacortes, Councilmember
Judy Jones, Community Advisory Committee (Chair, non-voting member)

Members Absent:

Tracy Cook, Labor Representative (non-voting member)

Providing Legal Counsel:

Staff Present

Eric Gambill, Security Supervisor
Derek Messling, Marketing and Public Affairs Specialist
Chris Arkle, Manager of Finance and Accounting
Crystle Stidham, Chief Executive Officer
Greg Latham, Director of Maintenance and Facilities
Hailie Hotchkiss, Operations Supervisor
Jennifer Davidson, Director of Human Resources
Katie Cook-Avery, Coach Operator
Larissa Farrell, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Maleah Kuzminsky, Planning and Outreach Manager
Rebekah Tuno, Grants Manager

Staff Present via Teleconference:

Abby Bissell, HR Generalist
Clerk of the Board
Eric Espraza, Capital Projects Manager
Kelly Myiow, Payroll and Leave Administrator
Larissa Farrell, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Les O'Neil, Operations Supervisor
Sarah Pelle, Events Specialist/Travel Trainer
Wayne Simmons, Facilities Supervisor

Members of Public Present

Jason Kelly; Mike Kerr

Members of the Public Present via Teleconference:

1-208-308-8876; 1-916-501-8890; 0000; Cameron's Notetaker; Jaime Parker; Joe Kunzler; Joe Macdonald; Ray; Ro; Rosie Ventura; Skagit

1 Public Comment

Public comment was made.

2 Consent / Action Items

- a) Approval of January Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of Claims and Payroll
 - December Payroll Direct Deposit and Checks
 - December Direct Federal Withholding Transfer
 - December Claims Checks and ACH #5009-5169
- c) Approve December Budget Update

Mr. Burns moved to approve all Consent/Action items. Mr. Aslett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Full Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Approve Purchase of Four (4) Gillig Coaches
Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Ms. Johnson moved to approve the purchase of four (4) Gillig coaches. Mr. Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Approve Purchase of Seven (7) Endera E-450 Cutaway Paratransit Coaches

Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Ms. Moulton moved to approve the purchase of seven (7) Endera E-450 cutaway paratransit coaches. Mr. Aslett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Approve Resolution 2026-01 Allowing Staff to Withdraw funds from STS.001: SKAT General and STS.003: SKAT Operating Reserve

Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Ms. Moulton moved to approve resolution 2026-01, allowing staff to withdraw funds from STS.001: SKAT General and STS.003: SKAT Operating Reserve. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d) Approve FY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Buses & Bus Facilities Award Acceptance

Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Cocke moved to approve the acceptance of FY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Buses & Bus Facilities Award. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e) Approve Updated Organization Chart

Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Aslett moved to approve the updated organization chart. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- f) Approve 2026 Classification and Compensation Study

Ms. Stidham summarized the report as presented in the board packet.

Ms. Moulton moved to approve the 2026 classification and compensation study. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4 Information Items

- a) CEO Update
- b) Employee Recognition
- c) December 2025 Productivity and Ridership Report
- d) CAC Update

Peter Browning adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Attest:

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Peter Browning

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Peter Browning, Chair Skagit Transit Board of Directors

Signed by:

Larissa Farrell

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Larissa Farrell, Clerk of Skagit Transit Board

Larissa Farrell

From: Judy Jones <sonshines59@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 8:05 AM
To: Larissa Farrell
Subject: Please submit on behalf of Doris Brevoort for public comment.

Importance: High

I do have some input for Skagit Transit:

Because of construction going on with I-5 in Seattle, the express lanes going South are closed for months. It now takes longer to get to Seattle.

Now more than ever we need a faster way to get to Lynnwood. Please initiate something!

It would be so great if the 90x could stop between Mt Vernon and Everett, perhaps at the Smokey Point transit station.

I have a friend who has just moved to an adult family home in Marysville. There is a bus to Smokey Point, but no way for him to get to Mt Vernon. It is very isolating that there is no transit between Smokey Point and Skagit.

It would also be very practical to have a freeway stop in Marysville, "on request".

There may be jobs up and down the corridor but no way for people without cars to access them.

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