

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

Wednesday, January 21, 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)
Ron Wesen, Skagit County Commissioner
Joe Burns, Skagit County Commissioner (Vice Chair)
Julia Johnson, City of Sedro Woolley, Mayor
Paul Cocke, City of Sedro Woolley, Councilmember
Judy Jones, Community Advisory Committee (Chair, non-voting member) (Joined the meeting at 11:03 a.m.)
Tracy Cook, Labor Representative (non-voting member)

Members Present via Teleconference

Members Absent:

Peter Donovan, City of Mount Vernon, Mayor
Bill Aslett, City of Burlington, Mayor
Carolyn Moulton, City of Anacortes, Councilmember
Hannah Oliver, City of Mount Vernon, Councilmember

Providing Legal Counsel:

Staff Present

Bill Broy, Operations Supervisor
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, Operations, and Facilities
James Smith, Cross Trained Operator
Jason Shaffer, Operations Supervisor
Jennifer Davidson, Director of Human Resources
Joe Macdonald, Manager of Safety and Training
Josh Klinger, Maintenance Manager
Kaitlin West, Rideshare Administrator
Kelly Myiow, Payroll and Leave Administrator
Larissa Farrell, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Margie Tsuffis, Safety and Training Coordinator
Rebekah Tuno, Grants Manager
Seeley Mullins, Procurement and Contracts Coordinator

Staff Present via Teleconference:

Alan Brooks, Operations Supervisor
Clerk of the Board
Eric Espraza, Capital Projects Manager
Jim Young, Operations Supervisor
Kelly Borden, Accounting Clerk
Larissa Farrell, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Laura Lunsford, Safety and Training Coordinator
Maleah Kuzminsky, Planning and Outreach Manager
Mika Ela-Bergman, Maintenance Support Technician
Sarah Pelle, Events Specialist/Travel Trainer
Taylor Patti, Financial Analyst
Wayne Simmons, Facilities Supervisor

Members of Public Present

Mike Miller; Colleen Kennedy; Mike Kerr

Members of the Public Present via Teleconference:

1-208-308-8876; Cameron's notetaker; Jason Kelley; Joe Kunzler; Joe Stewart for President; Observer 3; Read.AI Meeting Notes; Rosie Ventura; Skagit County Employees Alliance

1 Public Comment

Public comment was made.

2 New Business: Welcome New Board and Council Members

Mr. Browning welcomed the new board and council members to the 2026 Skagit Transit board.

3 Consent / Action Items

- a) Approval of December Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of Claims and Payroll
 - November Payroll Direct Deposit and Checks
 - November Direct Federal withholding transfer

November Claims Checks and ACH #4878-5008

- c) Approve November Budget Update
- d) Approve Fare-Free Fixed Route Service for the 2026 Point-In-Time Count

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

4 Full Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Approve 2026 Skagit Transit Vice Chair

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

Ms. Johnson moved to nominate Joe Burns to serve as the 2026 Skagit Transit Vice Chair. Mr. Cocke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Approve Unarmed Security Services Contract No. 25-062

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

Mr. Wesen moved to approve Unarmed Security Services Contract No. 25-062. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Approve Revision to Personnel Policy 616.6 Maintenance Dept Boot Allowance

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

Ms. Johnson moved to approve the revision to personnel policy 616.6. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5 Information Items

- a) CEO Update
- b) Employee Recognition
- c) FY 2024 State Audit Exit Conference
- d) CY 2026 Ride Pass Grant Program Awards
- e) November 2025 Productivity and Ridership Report
- f) CAC Update

Peter Browning adjourned the meeting at 11:48 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