

Spokane Transit Authority
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BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the April 9, 2025, Meeting

Spokane Transit Authority, 1230 W. Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA
w/ Virtual Public Viewing Option

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Haley, City of Spokane Valley, *Chair*
Lance Speirs, Small Cities Representative
(Medical Lake), *Chair Pro Tempore*
Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley
Non-Voting
Karl Otterstrom, Interim Co-CEO,
Ex Officio
Brandon Rapez-Betty, Interim Co-CEO,
Ex Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane
Al French, Spokane County

STAFF PRESENT

Carly Cortright, Chief Communications &
Customer Service Officer
Kade Peterson, Chief Information Officer
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dana Infalt, Clerk of the Authority
Amie Blain, Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial
Officer and Chief Information Officer

STAFF ABSENT

Tammy Johnston, Interim Chief Financial Officer

PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon, Lamberson,
Van Wert & Oreskovich, P.C.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Infalt conducted roll call.

2. **APPROVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Chair Haley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Speirs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

None

4. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. March 12, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Haley moved to approve the March 12, 2025, Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Speirs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Tim Hattenburg, Chair, Planning & Development (P&D)

Mr. Hattenburg shared the items presented at the Planning & Development Committee meeting on April 2, 2025.

B. Lance Speirs, Chair, Performance Monitoring & External Relations

Mr. Speirs and Mr. Rapez-Betty shared the items presented at the Performance Monitoring & External Relations meeting on April 2, 2025.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA APRIL 17, 2025

Item 16. *Executive Session* will include an additional item related to bargaining.

Chair Haley moved to approve the Board of Directors agenda as amended. Mr. Speirs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA MAY 7, 2025

Mr. Otterstrom advised a resolution may be added to the agenda.

8. CEO REPORT

The Co-CEOs shared the March 2025 voter-approved sales tax revenues representing January 2025 sales. Actual was \$8.5M, compared to the budget of \$8.4M, for a 1.3% difference, or \$0.1M. Year-to-date results are 0.4% above budget.

The Co-CEOs presented the following items:

- State Transportation Budget
 - Senate and House have passed different versions of budget bill SB 5161
 - Senate and House on how to pay for the budget (revenue bill)
 - Transportation Bills – Key Comparisons
 - Salient New Revenues
 - Grant Program Highlights
 - Direct STA Impacts
- Funding Priorities for 2025-2027 Biennium
 - Mr. Otterstrom indicated that proposed legislation would impose vehicle registration fees on vehicles owned by transit agencies, including STA; His team can research to try to provide a clearer picture of total potential cost

- Revenue and non-revenue vehicles are currently subject to licensing, but no registration fees are currently imposed on any fleets owned by local governments, to include transit agencies
- 2025 Safety Awards Banquet
- Bloomsday 2025
 - Pass and Fares
 - Getting There
 - Regular Bus Service

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Haley advised the purpose of the Executive Session was in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); *“considering the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.”*

The Committee entered Executive Session at 1:50 p.m., with a 10-minute projected timeframe. At 2:00 p.m., the Committee requested 2 additional minutes. At 2:02 p.m., the Executive Session ended and the meeting was called back into open session.

11. ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Haley adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Blain

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Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer