

**PIERCE TRANSIT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

February 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodards called the Board meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

For those attendees who chose to participate, Chair Woodards led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Victoria Woodards, Chair of the Board, Mayor of the City of Tacoma
Marty Campbell, Vice Chair of the Board, Pierce County Councilmember
Nancy Henderson, Town of Steilacoom Councilmember
(representing Auburn/Gig Harbor/Fircrest/Pacific/Ruston/Steilacoom)
Daryl Eidinger, City of Edgewood Mayor *(representing Fife/Milton//Edgewood)*
Conor McCarthy, City of Tacoma Councilmember
Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive

Commissioners excused:

Kent Keel, City of University Councilmember
Don Anderson, City of Lakewood Mayor
Robin Farris, Puyallup City Councilmember

Staff present:

Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer
Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board
Aaron Millstein, General Counsel from K&L Gates

Introduction

Chair Woodards welcomed Councilmember Conor McCarthy from the City of Tacoma to the Pierce Transit Board.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2019 4th Quarter Agency-wide Employee Recognition Awards.

This item was pulled from the agenda and was rescheduled to the March 9, 2020, Board Meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **Appointments to the Service Delivery and Capital Committee and Executive Finance Committee**

Due to the recent vacancy on the Service Delivery and Capital Committee that occurred by Commissioner Ryan Mello completing his term on the Pierce Transit Board and Commissioner McCarthy joining the Pierce Transit Board, Chair Woodards appointed Commissioner Farris to the Service Delivery and Capital Committee and appointed Commissioner McCarthy to serve as an alternate on the Executive Finance Committee. All other appointments remained the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Woodards provided directions for participating in public comment and the following individuals spoke:

- Janet Flores, paratransit rider, raised concerns about the safety issues that she has assessed from riding the paratransit buses. She distributed a folder of materials displaying her findings. She encouraged the commissioners and staff to look at the materials and to ride the paratransit buses to understand the safety (*Commissioner Dammeier arrived at 4:15 p.m.*) concerns she has identified.
- Cinderella Helga, Lakewood, reported she got on the wrong bus a couple of times recently. She commented on the Agency's social media practices.
- Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident and Chair of the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, invited members to attend their next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. He encouraged Pierce Transit and other members of the community to attend the meetings. He thanked staff for sending two staff members to a recent meeting.

Public comment was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below were distributed to Commissioners in advance for reading and study and are enacted with one motion. Item(s) may be moved to the Action Agenda at the request of a Commissioner.)

Commissioners Campbell and Eiding moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

1. Approval of Vouchers, January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020
Operating Fund #10
Self-Insurance Fund #40
Capital Fund #90

Payment Nos. 372605 through 372958
Wire Nos. 3191 through 3471
No Advance Travel Checks
Total \$12,173,883.40

2. Minutes: January 13, 2020, Special Study Session Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.
3. Fourth Quarter 2019 Sole Source/Contracts and Amendments Report.
4. FS 2020-009, Approved Resolution No. 2020-006, amending Chapter 3.13 of the Pierce Transit Code adding a new Paragraph H to Section 3.13.120 – Miscellaneous provisions, as presented in Exhibit A, delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer to combine capital projects for projects similar in nature.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **FS 2020-010, Authority to Implement a Permit Parking Program at Pierce Transit Owned Facilities that Meet Capacity Parameters of the Program Guidelines; Adding a New Section I to Pierce Transit Code Section 3.13.120 – Miscellaneous Provisions, Delegating Authority to the CEO to Manage the Parking Permit Program with Certain Parameters**

Senior Planner Sandy Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation. She noted that the Permit Parking Pilot program was rolled out to the public in July 2019. She detailed the program goals and outcomes of the project.

A discussion ensued about whether the people using the Tacoma Dome Station parking garage are actually transit riders or patrons and employees of the surrounding businesses.

Staff confirmed that surveys reveal that approximately 80 percent of the parking customers are using transit.

Commissioners Campbell and McCarthy moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-007, 1) Authorizing the implementation of a Permit Parking Program at Pierce Transit Owned Transit facilities that meet facility capacity parameters, pursuant to the Program Guidelines presented in Exhibit A; 2) Setting the initial Permit Parking fee at Tacoma Dome Station at \$80 for Single Occupancy Vehicles and \$27 for ORCA LIFT qualifying customers; and no charge for High Occupancy Vehicles, and 3) Adding a new Section I to Pierce Transit Code Section 3.13.120 - Miscellaneous provisions, delegating authority to the Pierce Transit CEO to manage the Permit Parking Program pursuant to the parameters set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Motion carried, 6-0.

2. FS 2020-011, Amending Chapter 3.13 of the Pierce Transit Code Setting the Same Authority Levels for Board-Delegated Committees

Executive Director of Finance Brett Freshwaters presented on the item. He noted that when the Service Delivery and Capital Committee (SDCC) was formed, it was staff's intent to make this committee's authority level consistent with the Pierce Transit Code and with the Executive Finance Committee.

He noted that the next steps will be to incorporate the amendments approved today in the operating procedures of the delegated committees so that the authority levels are the same for each of the board-delegated committees and consistent with the Pierce Transit code.

Commissioners Campbell and McCarthy **moved** and seconded to amend Chapter 3.13 of the Pierce Transit Code as presented in Exhibit A, setting the authority levels the same for board-delegated committees.

Motion **carried**, 6-0.

3. FS 2020-012, Authority to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma for Public Art Commissioning and Management at the Commerce Turnaround Facility

Senior Planner Janine Robinson presented on the item. She noted the Commerce facility opened in 1993 and is Pierce Transit's downtown hub. She also stated the facility is old and mid-life refurbishments are underway. She noted a cost-efficient solution to improve the waterwall/fountain area would be to partner with the City of Tacoma for public art and confirmed that the entire waterwall would be the canvas for the public art.

Commissioner Campbell expressed some concern about shutting the fountain down and losing the tranquility of the sound of the water.

Upon inquiry about what is the long-term plan of usage for the space, Ms. Robinson indicated the larger vision for this area most likely would be to create retail space and increase vibrancy; however, Pierce Transit will most likely partner with the City of Tacoma and/or the Theater District when the timing is right.

Commissioner Henderson noted that she has some concerns about spending monies just for stand-alone artwork versus functional design. She referenced a publication by BART that speaks to functional artwork. She noted that citizens may rather see monies used for more service.

CEO Dreier provided additional history on the costs of maintaining the fountain, noting that it constantly needs repairs and other supportive infrastructure costs.

Commissioner Dammeier encouraged that cost of maintaining the space be at the forefront of design.

Commissioners Campbell and McCarthy moved and seconded to approve Resolution 2020-009, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma for public art commissioning and management at the Commerce Turnaround Facility in an amount not to exceed \$285,000.

Motion carried, 5-1, with Commissioner Henderson voting no.

STAFF UPDATES/DISCUSSION

CEO's Report - CEO Dreier reported on (*Commissioner Dammeier left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.*) the following topics:

- A recent visit by Governor Jay Inslee to learn more about the electrification of buses;
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) communications in the community and with stakeholders;
- National Get on Board Day is April 16, and free rides will be offered to citizens. The Board was invited to give transit a try. Staff can accompany members or help with trip planning;
- Upcoming meeting dates; and
- The Agency's Long Range Plan has gone live and is on the Agency's website.

INFORMATIONAL BOARD ITEMS

Chair Report

Chair Woodards announced that she and Commissioner McCarthy will not be attending the March 9, 2020, Board Meeting due to a conference they are attending in Washington D.C.

Sound Transit Update – No update.

PSRC Transportation Policy Board Update – No update.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Campbell announced that he will be attending upcoming BRT stakeholder meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ~ None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Campbell and McCarthy moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.



Deanne Jacobson



Victoria Woodards, Chair

Clerk of the Board

Board of Commissioners