



MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA HYBRID
APRIL 22, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:30 p.m. Chair Birney called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: City of Bellevue (Hamilton), City of Issaquah (Mullet), City of Kirkland (Pascal), Skyway Water and Sewer District (Ault), City of Redmond (Birney), City of Tukwila (McLeod)

Board Member Absent: Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Warren)

Board Alternates Present: City of Bellevue (Bhargava), City of Kirkland (Curtis), City of Redmond (Nuevacamina), Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (Hooshangi), City of Tukwila (Martinez)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Mullet and second by Mr. McLeod to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Ms. Thung reviewed the Chief Executive Officer's Report that was included in the Board Packet, and responded to questions from Board Members.

6. CONSENT ITEM

A. Board Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2026.

Motion by Mr. McLeod and second by Mr. Mullet to approve Consent Action Item A as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

7. ACTION ITEM

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08, amending the 2026 Budget and the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

Andy Baker, Economist, explained that Resolution No. 2026-08 is primarily an accounting and procedural adjustment: it shifts unspent funds from the 2025 budget into 2026 and reallocates some expenditures from operating to capital accounts to reflect actual project progress, particularly for the Cascade Supply Program. Importantly, he emphasized this amendment does not change total spending for the biennium, nor does it affect current or future rates or the agency's financial capacity. The proposal had already been reviewed with member staff and discussed in detail by the Finance & Intergovernmental Committee.

Motion by Mr. McLeod and second by Mr. Mullet to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08, amending the 2026 Budget and the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- B. Motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the current contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide program and engineering support services for the Cascade Supply Program, to increase maximum compensation by \$3,563,000, from \$1,000,000 to \$4,563,000

Brian Bartle, Program Executive, provided a detailed explanation of why the increase to the Stantec Consulting Services Inc. contract was necessary and how the funds would be used. He explained that the original \$1 million authorization was primarily for early planning and Board oversight work and would be fully spent by June. The additional \$3.563 million would allow the program to expand significantly in the second half of the year by bringing on new teams and advancing key components of the Cascade Supply Program.

Mr. Bartle said the added funding would support several major work areas, including developing permitting strategies, initiating a real estate and land acquisition strategy, continuing technical planning such as pipeline routing, facility sizing, and modeling, and launching a communications and outreach effort. He emphasized that these efforts are foundational—focused on strategy development and early planning rather than final implementation—and are necessary to prepare for major decisions like selecting a tank site and pipeline route.

Board Members discussed the scope and timing, noting the goal is to make significant decisions by the end of 2026. There was also discussion about ensuring better detail in future work plans, aligning upcoming work with Board oversight expectations, and clarifying how communication and land acquisition strategies would be developed before engaging the public. Staff confirmed that while the strategies would be completed this year, actual implementation would extend over a longer timeline.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton and second by Mr. Mullet to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the current contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide program and engineering support services for the Cascade Supply Program, to increase maximum compensation by \$3,563,000, from \$1,000,000 to \$4,563,000. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee – No meetings held since the last Board meeting.
- B. Finance & Intergovernmental Committee – Meeting held April 21, 2026. The meeting recap will be included in next month's Board Packet.
- C. Resource Management Committee – Meeting held April 9, 2026. The meeting recap was included in the Board Packet.
- D. Supply Program Oversight Committee – Meeting held April 8, 2026. The meeting recap was included in the Board Packet.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:00 p.m., Chair Birney announced that there would be an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The executive session was expected to last 50 minutes.

At 4:50 p.m., the Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes.

At 5:00 p.m., the Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

11. NEW BUSINESS

An item for new business was introduced by Chair Birney.

Motion by Mr. McLeod and second by Mr. Hamilton to appoint Candidate A to the position of Chief Executive Officer, subject to the Executive Committee of the Board successfully negotiating terms of an employment agreement with the finalist candidate that may take effect on a mutually agreeable date. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

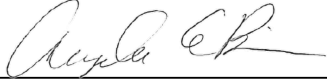
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 27, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.

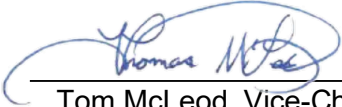
13. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Angela Birney, Chair



Tom McLeod, Vice-Chair