



# Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

The Kitsap Peninsula is the home of sovereign Indian nations, namely the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes.

## KRCC Board Meeting Summary

v. 10/13/23

**Date: October 3, 2023**

Time: 1:45-3:45pm.

Hybrid meeting with in-person participation at Norm Dicks Government Center Chambers and remote participation via Zoom

Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 6/6/23 Board meeting summary</li> <li>Vouchers 23-9 – 23-15</li> <li>A formal resolution honoring the life of Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Chairman Sullivan</li> </ul>		
Actions	Who?	Status
Executive Committee to discuss PSRC appointments.	Executive Committee	In Progress
KRCC staff to reach out to new staff at Rep. Kilmer's office and invite to the Legislative Reception.	KRCC Staff	In Progress
Develop specific questions to ask legislators during Legislative Orientation	Executive Committee	In Progress

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

KRCC Chair/Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler welcomed the Executive Board to the hybrid meeting. He introduced the newest Board member, Kitsap County Commissioner Christine Rolfes to everyone.

### 2. Chair's Comments

Mayor Wheeler acknowledged some technical issues with BKAT but proceeded with the meeting since hybrid participation was still possible via a KRCC staff member's laptop.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- Approve the June 06 Board meeting summary and expense voucher 23-9 to 23-15

Commissioner Strakeljon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the June 6 Board meeting summary. Commissioner Garrido seconded. The summary was approved as drafted without objection.

Mayor Erickson moved to approve the expense vouchers 23-9 to 23-15. Councilmember Deets second. The vouchers were approved as drafted without objection.

### 4. Full Discussion/Action Items

- Approve the Resolution honoring Chairman Sullivan

Councilmember Deets moved to approve the Resolution honoring Chairman Sullivan. Councilmember Stern seconded. The Resolution was approved as drafted without objection.

- Affirm the updated 2023 KRCC roster

The Board affirmed the updates to 2023 KRCC roster that included new appointments from Kitsap County (Commissioner Rolfes) and a new Department of Commerce appointment on LUTAC (Carol Holman).

- Affirm the updated 2023 PSRC roster

The Board affirmed certain updates to the 2023 PSRC roster. PSRC informed KRCC that Mayor Putaansuu cannot serve as the alternate on the Executive Board for “Kitsap Other Cities.” In addition, Mayor Erickson is required to serve on the Executive Board under “Kitsap Other Cities” as PSRC President. PSRC recommends that Mayor Erickson serve as the Kitsap Other Cities appointment and Councilmember Deets serve as the alternate.

Currently KRCC has vacancies on the PSRC Operations Committee. Appointed members must also serve on the Executive Board. The Kitsap seat would be Kitsap County, the principal cities with separate seats on the Executive Board (Bremerton and Port Orchard) and Kitsap Other Cities (Poulsbo and Banbridge Island). Again, the member and alternate must be selected from those appointed to the Executive Board. The KRCC Executive Committee will discuss this more at their next meeting.

- Review the draft 2024 Work Plan

The Board reviewed a draft of the 2024 workplan. They noted that topics that may require attention including:

- 2024 will be a heavy transportation year. There are countywide and regional transportation competitions for federal funding.
- Land use staff from many jurisdictions are focused on their respective comprehensive plan updates and are not seeking to undertake large collaborative efforts on the land use side.
- Land use staff are responding to some significant legislation that passed during the 2023 legislative session on the state level and have requested that some of their meeting time be spent on these new changes.
- The KRCC staff is making some changes with Zak Ott coming on as the new Administrative Lead and Emilie Pilchowski who will be starting this October will serve as the KRCC Transportation Lead.
- During the September Executive Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that KRCC hold an annual retreat in February focusing on housing and homelessness with invited speakers and panelists from Kitsap organizations that focus on these issues.

- Review the draft 2024 Budget

The Board reviewed a draft of the 2024 Budget. KRCC staff noted that overall, the KRCC budget from 2023 to 2024 will increase at 4.7%. The Triangle budget serving as the KRCC staff will increase by 3.8%. The budget for 2024 will see a lighter budget on the land use side compared to last year and a heavier budget on the transportation side compared to last year.

- Update on Economic Development themed 11/7 Board meeting

The Board was updated on the upcoming Economic Development presentations at the 11/7 Board meeting. Earlier in the springtime it was discussed by some Board members that in the fall of this year there should be an economic development theme meeting. The four main groups that will be presenting are the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, Port of

Bremerton, and Greater Seattle Partners (GSP). KRCC staff sent invitations to the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, Greater Kitsap Chamber, South Kitsap Chamber of Commerce, Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce, Port Madison Enterprises, and Noo-Kayet Investments to attend the Board meeting as guests.

The vision of this meeting was to have these entities present 10 minutes on any economic updates in the region. Board members noted topics that may require attention including:

- There is real interest in understanding Greater Seattle Partners and the kind of role they can play in serving the Kitsap region.
  - From these presentations, Board members would like to learn and understand what each organization is doing, how they are contributing to the region, and how they are contributing on a national level or international level.
  - Potentially inviting major Kitsap employers with partners such as the builders and realtors' associations.
  - The local chambers in the area are supporting businesses that are currently here, but some Board members expressed a need to focus on what Kitsap is doing globally to attract businesses and create new jobs.
- Discuss 2023 Legislative Reception and Legislative Orientation

The Board discussed the upcoming 2023 Legislative Reception and Legislative Orientation. In past years, KRCC has held a legislative orientation for newly elected officials and other local elected officials in addition to hearing from lobbyists and the Association of Washington Cities and Washington State Association of Counties. KRCC staff shared the RSVP link for Board members to fill out if they had not already and to reach out to any lobbyists from their individual jurisdictions to RSVP. Board members noted topics that may require attention including:

- The Washington State Association of Counties has a conference the same weekend so there will be no representative from WSAC but there be a handout given from WSAC at the Orientation.
- The theme of the reception is “strengthening the relationship between legislators and local government.”
- Three of the top issues to be discussed would be affordable housing, homelessness, and transportation.
- KRCC staff will reach out to Rep. Kilmer’s office and invite the new regional representative Stephanie Hahn to the reception and orientation.
- Put together specific questions and have a shared problems statement on what Kitsap is struggling with and have breakout tables where participants can have conversations with legislators instead of a panel.
- Legislators like to hear from local elected officials how they would like to fix problems and see what works for them when it comes to addressing the most pressing issues.

## **5. KRCC Committee Reports**

### **Land Use**

- Land Use Items

The next LUTAC meeting will be held on November 14. The next PlanPol meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are expected to be light, and the meetings will most likely be short.

### **Transportation**

- Transportation Items

The next TransPol meeting will be held on October 19. The next TrasTac meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are expected to be light, and the meetings will most likely be short.

## 6. PSRC Board and Committee Reports

- Updates from the PSRC Executive Board

The PSRC Executive Board met and had a conversation about the challenges associated with the ferry system. For the 2024 WA State Legislative Session, Kitsap jurisdictions are focused on improving funding for the ferry system. PSRC is forming a legislative agenda for the next legislative session.

- Updates from the Transportation Policy Board

The Transportation Policy Board had their monthly meeting and Climate, Safety and Equity continue to be the key topics of the transportation work program. PSRC concluded the 2030 greenhouse gas analysis and sensitivity tests earlier in 2023. Additionally, the Board reviewed a regional safety plan. Death and serious injuries because of automobile crashes have seen a significant increase. There is a new safe and systems approach looking at the seriousness of the crashes.

- Updates from the Economic Development District Board

The Economic Development District Board met and discussed their 2024 work plan. The industrial lands analysis will be completed in late fall. WA State has reconvened an aviation panel. There is some discussion with Greater Seattle Partners regarding their involvement with PSRC.

## 7. Corridor Committee Reports

- Highway 305 - Bids came in for the two roundabouts on Bainbridge Island at the intersections of SR 305 and Northeast West Port Madison and SR 305 and Northeast Adis Will Lane. There will be another 305 Corridor meeting soon.

## 8. Housing and Shelter Updates

- City of Poulsbo – The City of Poulsbo has worked on the regional allied health center and workforce training and the relation to healthcare. The proposal from Olympic College continues to move forward towards construction with help from Kitsap County. Western Washington University is in conversation with Olympic College on a set amount of acreage for a new building and they would be approaching the Legislature in the next long session. The Poulsbo City Council agreed with changes in their development standards to move forward with the Nordic Cottages. The Nordic Cottages are eight apartments built by the City of Poulsbo and paid for by the City with housing vouchers to help augment the rent. Also opening soon will be the North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center which is for people suffering from substance use disorder and those needing help from domestic violence, and mental health. Poulsbo is also exploring recovery housing which is if people agree to go through the process of recovery, then the City wants to provide housing. Poulsbo also has a residential mental health treatment center moving into the community.
- City of Bremerton – There are affordable housing efforts in the works through Bremerton’s partner agencies including Bremerton Housing Authority. Bremerton has defined affordable housing as subsidized housing. A respite shelter for people without homes who are coming out of the hospital gives them an opportunity to recover after surgery or other injuries. Part of this project will be transitioning these people into housing following respite. Mayor Wheeler will be sharing updates on a city shelter at the next Bremerton City Council meeting. Potentially up to 120 beds will be part of this new shelter.

- City of Port Orchard – The city of Port Orchard grew by one thousand persons, which made it the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest growing city in the state. There are 500 hundred multi-family units under construction. 130 permits have been issued for single-family units. Amicia House is a housing/shelter facility that is under construction in Port Orchard for young adults and the Salvation Army is looking at adding a women’s shelter.

## **9. KRCC Emergent and Countywide Issues**

- No emergent or countywide issues were discussed.

## **10. Staff Report**

- KRCC Income Statement

The income statement is provided in the meeting packet. There are no concerns regarding KRCC’s budget.

## **11. Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was offered. There were no public comments.

## **12. KRCC Board Questions, Concerns, and Announcements**

- November 7 Board meeting

The next meeting of the KRCC Board will be November 7, 12:30 – 2:30pm and will include a presentation on economic development in the Kitsap region in addition to regular KRCC business and approval of the KRCC’s 2024 work plan and budget. Part of the economic development discussion will involve KRCC and Kitsap’s potential relationship with Greater Seattle Partners.

## **13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

## Appendix A – Board Members in Attendance

Jurisdiction	Board Member	In Attendance?
<b>Bainbridge Island</b>		
	Councilmember J. Deets (V. Chair)	present
	Councilmember L. Schneider	present
<b>Bremerton</b>		
	Mayor G. Wheeler (Chair)	present
	Council Member D. Frey	
	Council Member M. Goodnow	
<b>Kitsap County</b>		
	Commissioner C. Garrido	present
	Commissioner K. Walters	
	Commissioner C. Rolfes	present
<b>Kitsap Transit</b>		
	Director J. Clauson	
<b>Naval Base Kitsap</b>		
	Captain J. Hale	present
	Allison Satter (alt.)	
<b>Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe</b>		
	(vacant seat)	
<b>Port of Bremerton</b>		
	Commissioner A. Strakeljahn	present
	Commissioner G. Anderson (alt.)	
	Commissioner C. Bozeman (alt.)	
<b>Port of Kingston</b>		
	Commissioner M. McClure	
	Commissioner S. Heacock (alt.)	
<b>Port Orchard</b>		
	Mayor R. Putaansuu	present
	Council Member J. Rosapepe	
	Council Member Mark Trenary (alt.)	
<b>Poulsbo</b>		
	Mayor B. Erickson	present
	Council Member E. Stern	present
<b>Suquamish Tribe</b>		
	Council Chair L. Forsman	
	Council Member J. Mills (alt.)	
<b>Other</b>		
WSDOT	JoAnn Schueler	
WSDOT	Gaius Sanoy (alt.)	
WSF		
Dept. of Commerce		

**Appendix B – Non-Board-Member Participants**

Affiliation	Name
<b>KRCC Facilitation Team</b>	
KRCC Program Lead	Sophie Glass
KRCC Administrative Coordinator	Zak Ott
KRCC Land Use Program Lead	Pauline Mogilevsky
<b>Presenters</b>	