KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES OF June 2, 2026

Board of Commissioners Present:
Driskell, Robert, Teamsters Local No. 589, *non-voting member*
Moriwaki, Clarence, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island, **Vice Chair**
Putaansuu, Robert, Mayor, City of Port Orchard
Rebelowski, Jane, Councilmember, City of Bremerton
Rolfes, Christine, Kitsap County Commissioner
Root, Oran, Kitsap County Commissioner
Rosapepe, Jay, Councilmember, City of Port Orchard
Stern, Ed, Mayor, City of Poulsbo
Walters, Katie, Kitsap County Commissioner, **Chair**
Wheeler, Greg, Mayor, City of Bremerton

Staff Present:
Sanjay Bhatt, Marketing & Public Information Director; Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board, Public Records Officer; Michael Bozarth, Operations Director; John Clauson, Executive Director; Dennis Griffey, Vehicle and Facilities Maintenance Director; Steffani Lillie, Service and Capital Development Director; Mary Pauly, Human Resources Director; Charlotte Sampson, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Shinners, Finance Director; Nick Zylstra, Marine Services Director

Also Present: David Weibel, Legal Counsel

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Walters called the meeting of the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners to order at 10:30 AM.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Upon review by the Board, the agenda remained unchanged.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

0:00:29, Commissioner Walters expressed appreciation for Kitsap Transit's World Cup preparation efforts and noted positive public response to the tap-to-pay program.

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

0:01:29, Executive Director Clauson noted he had not been present at the meeting, but reported that the CAC reviewed challenges with the free ride ticket program distribution at Kitsap Community Resources (KCR), gathered feedback on the new bike racks installed on the Bremerton Fast Ferries, and discussed potential approaches to managing heavy bus loads originating from the Southworth Ferry Terminal.

0:04:04, Board discussion included questions about CAC members on the Board, timeline for the Board Composition Review, and responsibilities of the review committee.

5. CONSENT / ACTION ITEM:

a. Warrants for April 2026
    - Warrant numbers transit fund 176559 to 176954 of $3,031,050
    - Warrant numbers ferry fund 610255 to 610338 of $2,094,450
    - Payroll account disbursements of $5,315,704
    - ACH clearing account payments of $100,345
    - Travel account disbursements of $31,539
    - Purchasing card disbursements of $72,844

b. Minutes of May 5, 2026

c. Resolution No. 26-30, Approve Renewal of CAC Member

0:07:06, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Mayor Putaansuu seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. FULL DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution No. 26-31, Approve Additional 2nd Qtr Procurements

0:07:40, Executive Director Clauson reported that the resolution requests adding two items to the quarterly procurement list: design work for the Port Orchard ferry float and an engine overhaul for the MV Commander vessel.

0:09:25, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Mayor Putaansuu seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-31, authorizing Kitsap Transit Staff to go to bid for the items listed in the second quarter procurement list.**

Discussion:
None.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 26-32, Approve-Initiate Property Acquisition Negotiations Training Facility

0:13:56, Executive Director Clauson reported that the resolution would initiate property acquisition negotiations for a new training facility, noting that $15 million in funding has already been secured. He explained that the next phase requires hiring an outside appraiser to determine the property's fair market value, which will establish the basis for beginning negotiations.

0:15:28, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Root seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-32, authorizing staff to initiate negotiations with the property owner(s) for the purchase of the Training Facility site.**

Discussion:

0:15:47, Board discussion included questions about leasing the facility out to other public entities.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Resolution No. 26-33, Acknowledge Approved Change Orders on KT 25-011

0:18:09, Executive Director Clauson explained that the resolution acknowledges authorized Change Orders for additional work identified during dry dock repairs on the Enetai, noting that the scope required concurrence from the Board Chair because it exceeded the standard 10% authority limit.

0:19:07, **Mayor Stern moved and Mayor Moriwaki seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-33, authorizing staff to approve KT 25-011 Change Orders 2 and 3, in the cumulative amount of twenty-four thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars ($24,157) and resetting the Executive Director's ten percent (10%) contract authority in accordance with Kitsap Transit's Procurement Policy.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution No. 26-34, Acknowledge Approved Change Orders on KT 25-014

0:20:18, Executive Director Clauson explained that the resolution acknowledges authorized Change Orders for additional work identified during dry dock repairs on the MV Reliance, noting that the scope required concurrence from the Board Chair because it exceeded the standard 10% authority limit. Change Order work included bike rack modifications and bulkhead repairs that exceeded initial estimates.

0:21:55, **Mayor Moriwaki moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-34, authorizing staff to approve to Change Orders Two and Three on contract KT 25-014 in the amount of fifty-three thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars ($53,791) and resetting the Executive Director's ten (10) percent contract authority in accordance with Kitsap Transit's Procurement Policy.**

Discussion:

None.

Motion passed unanimously.

e. Resolution No. 26-35, Approve C/O 7 - KT 22-788 Glosten-Waterman for Design Services

0:23:32, Executive Director Clauson presented a resolution for Change Order 7 for additional design services to Glosten, Inc. This involves the conversion from straight electric propulsion to a hybrid propulsion battery management system. The design change is directly related to new federal requirements, Kitsap Transit noted that they would conduct due diligence before final approval.

0:25:39, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Mayor Moriwaki seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-35, authorizing staff to approve Change Order 7 to Glosten, Inc. for additional design services in the amount of six hundred ninety-five thousand dollars ($695,000), increasing the total contract amount to two million four hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars ($2,435,468), and reauthorizes the Executive Director's authority in accordance with the procurement policy.**

Discussion:

0:26:22, Board discussion included the transition from electric to hybrid due to federal requirements and changes in propulsion system technology, consultant cost for old technology and the possibility of no additional funding from the federal government. Some members expressed disappointment in the shift away from all-electric to hybrid.

0:32:09, Mayor Stern requested that the vote tally reflect Board members reluctantly passed the motion.

Motion passed with a vote of nine (9) to zero (0), though members expressed disappointment.

f. Resolution No. 26-36, Award KT 26-024 to Glosten, Inc. for CM Services for Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel

0:32:40, Executive Director Clauson requested approval to award Contract 26-024 to Glosten Inc. for construction management services totaling $1,458,275, within the overall $15 million project budget.

Discussion:

0:33:20, Board discussion included the option of using the existing design to build another vessel, which would serve as a sister boat to the Commander; the original overall contract amount; the percentage Glosten would receive for construction management services; and the original design firm and associated cost.

0:34:14, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Root seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-36, authorizing staff to award Contract 26-024 to Glosten, Inc. for the Construction Management Services for Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel project in the amount of one million four hundred fifty-eight thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars ($1,458,275).**

Motion passed unanimously.

g. Resolution No. 26-37, Approve KT 26-041 - BTC Security Camera Upgrade

0:38:20, Executive Director Clauson requested approval to award Contract KT 26-041 for the acquisition and installation of additional security cameras at the Bremerton Transportation Center to enhance the existing system.

0:39:43, **Commissioner Root moved and Councilmember Rosapepe seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-37, authorizing staff to award a contract to Long Building Technologies for the purchase and replacement of security cameras at the Bremerton Transportation Center in the amount of four hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred fifty dollars ($491,650).**

Discussion:

0:40:08, Councilmember Rebelowski reported that community members had expressed concerns about the high-frequency noise generator at the Bremerton Transportation Center, noting its negative impact on young people, particularly children with sensitive hearing. She asked whether the device would be removed as part of the new camera installation.

0:40:47, Executive Director Clauson clarified that the system is intended to deter loitering in the smoking area and stated he would verify any potential impact on children.

0:42.17, Further Board discussion noted that last year's review of the system found the device was not located in an area typically accessed by children. Discussion also covered the device's placement relative to the fast ferry, video storage time limits, 911 alert system, and active monitoring.

Motion passed unanimously.

h. Resolution No. 26-38, Request Approval to Seek Bids-Asset Management Software

0:46:05, Executive Director Clauson requested authorization to seek pricing and proposals for replacement asset-management software, as the current system will no longer be supported after January 2027. He noted that the software tracks parts and maintenance costs for vehicles and vessels, and that this need was unanticipated and not included in the 2026 Budget.

0:47:38, **Councilmember Rosapepe moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-38, authorizing staff to seek pricing and proposals for replacement asset management software.**

Discussion:

0:47:59, Councilmember Rebelowski referenced the resolution summary, which listed a budgeted amount, and asked for clarification on whether funding for this item is included in the 2026 Budget.

0:48:30, Executive Director Clauson acknowledged that the $250,000 budgeted amount shown in the resolution summary is incorrect and will be corrected for the record to reflect that no funds were budgeted.

0:48:40, Commissioner Rolfes requested that the minutes reflect that the "Budgeted Amount" for this resolution is zero.

Motion passed unanimously.

i. Resolution No. 26-39, Request Approval to Seek Bids for Security Roll-up Doors for BTC Customer Service

0:49:54, Executive Director Clauson reported that staff are asking to seek bids for a coiling security door at the Bremerton Transportation Center Customer Service area after an incident in which a small paper fire was pushed under a service window. The unplanned expense will be covered through internal budget reallocation, with no need for additional funding.

0:51:16, Board discussion included the cost and budget to pay for the unplanned expense.

0:52:18, **Mayor Putaansuu moved and Commissioner Rolfes seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-39, authorizing staff to advertise and seek bids for a coiling security door for the Bremerton Transportation Center Customer Service Windows.**

Discussion:
None.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ITEMS

0:53:00, Executive Director Clauson briefed the Board on recent transit competitions. At the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) National Rodeo in Omaha, senior operator Val Quill placed second in the 35-foot bus competition and her son Damien Sabado came in seventh in the cutaway competition.

At the American Public Transit Association (APTA) roadeo in Salt Lake City, Routed Operator Lexi Ship placed 36 out of 90 competitors. The maintenance team, including Ruben Castro, John Falla, and Reagan Meador, also competed in Salt Lake City, successfully completing various technical challenges in engine, air, and HVAC systems modules, placing 9th out of 49 teams.

0:59:20, Executive Director Clauson also mentioned the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission in Texas where they learned about hydrogen production and fuel cell vehicles.

1:07:21, Executive Director Clauson reported that anticipated FIFA-related expenditures are estimated at ($983,000), with six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000) covered by federal, state, and county grants, leaving approximately $300,000 to be covered by the local budget.

1:08:20, Board discussion included questions about Kitsap Transit's out of pocket costs.

1:08:51, Service and Capital Development Director Steffani Lillie shared that Kitsap Transit received $60,000 from Kitsap County for signage, $200,000 from federal funds, and $315,000 from the state. She noted that $330,000 would come from Kitsap Transit

1:09:36, Executive Director Clauson requested Board feedback on the Board Retreat scheduled for July 21, 2026, at 8:30 AM, asking what the Board expectations are for the length of time and topics. He shared that Kitsap Transit will be reaching out to Board members for their ideas.

1:13:32, Mayor Putaansuu reported that his recent participation in the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission in Texas was highly informative. He noted that Texas is a national leader in both fossil fuels and overall energy production. He also observed that clean-energy projects in Texas can be permitted in roughly six months, compared to about two years in Washington when not appealed. He stated that the experience was very interesting and that he gained valuable insights.

1:15:15, Commissioner Root reported that he approached the Clean and Prosperous Study Mission with an open mind, focusing on differences between the two states in areas such as legislative policy, pro-business environments, local economies, and geography. He noted that Texas offers valuable lessons in efficient energy practices.

1:19:00, Executive Director Clauson reported that on item 8g, stating the fuel analysis shows $2.5 million in reserves on the transit side compared to $1.2 million on the ferry side, due to current fuel prices being approximately $5 per gallon, compared to the budgeted $4 average. He noted that staff may request Board approval for the transit side to support the ferry side if a fuel shortage occurs**.**

1:21:58, Board discussion included whether transit funds could be used to support ferry operations and the separation of ferry and bus funds.

1:22:22, Executive Director Clauson clarified that ferry revenue is only used for ferry use, but bus revenue has more flexibility and can be used for transportation-related expenses.

8. STAFF RECOGNITION / PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Recognizing Drivers of the Month for Month 2025 (10:45am)

0:10:20, Thomas Gilbert, Routed Manager, recognized the Routed Driver of the Month for April 2026, Eric Engelhard.

0:11:11, Cyndi Griffey, Worker/Driver Manager, recognized the *ACCESS* Driver of the Month for April 2026, Fenya Joy.

0:13:02, Cyndi Griffey, Worker/Driver Manager recognized the Worker/Driver of the Month for April 2026, Bryon Kingsbury.

b. June 2026 Report from KT Lobbyist
c. Minutes of March 26, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Meeting
d. Draft Financial Reports through April 2026
e. Capital Work in Progress April 2026
f. Fuel Costs Report through the end of May 2026
g. Fuel Reserve Analysis
h. 1st Quarter 2026 System Performance Report
i. 1st Quarter 2026 Financial Report

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1:26:29, Peter Brady of Bainbridge Island raised concerns about Kitsap Transit's 2026 budget, highlighting a significant gap between expenses and revenues and questioning the efficiency and necessity of current services.

1:29:19, Mark Stroh of Silverdale submitted three emails for the public comment section which were read by the Clerk of the Board. Mr. Stroh's public comments addressed Board composition, transit-dependent community representation, and the need for accountability, urging action on HB1418 before the September 30 deadline.

10. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1:33:00, Mayor Putaansuu reported on his recent transit experience traveling from Port Orchard to Bremerton and then to Seattle for the annual PSRC meeting, using the foot ferry, fast ferry, and bus. He noted that his return trip provided an opportunity to see a significant portion of South Kitsap County by bus.

1:34:14, Commissioner Walters reported that she attended the Mosquito Fleet Festival, where Kitsap Transit distributed passenger-only ferry passes. Members of Maritime Washington used the passes to ride the Carlisle II for the story sail and took the foot ferry to Bremerton and back. They commented that they were impressed by the level of community connectivity now in place.

11. ADJOURN: At 12:05 PM, Chairperson Walters adjourned the regular meeting.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap Transit at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of July, 2026.

Signed by:
Katherine T. Walters
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Katherine T. Walters, Chairperson

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Jackie Bidon
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Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received by the Clerk of the Board

Presented at the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners Meeting June 2, 2026

From: Mark Stroh
To: Jackie Bidon
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 11:16:00 AM

Thx.

From: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment

Thank you for your comments, Mr. Stroh.
I will read your comments during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

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From: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Meeting Public Comment

Commissioners:

With HB 1418, you have the opportunity to give marginalized, transit-dependent communities a formal voice in transit policy. I urge you to take this action before the September 30 Board Composition Review deadline. Please also assure the Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee (KTCAC) that this step ensures added accountability rather than replacing their vital role.

Mark Stroh
Silverdale, WA
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From: Mark Stroh
To: Jackie Bidon
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:49:30 AM

Commissioners:

Executive Director Clauson's earlier recap of the May 28th Kitsap Transit Community Advisory Committee (KTCAC) meeting omitted that four members of the public (Lane Daniel, Kathryn Owen, Diana Tyree-Eddy and Mark Stroh) of the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) Social Justice Committee made public comment against the proposed resolution KTCAC is considering in opposition to the addition of the two transit-reliant members to the Kitsap Transit Board.

Mark Stroh

From: Mark Stroh
To: Jackie Bidon
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 12:06:46 PM

Thank you. I appreciate that.

From: Jackie Bidon <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 12:05 PM
To: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

Mr. Stroh, your complete comments will be included in the Board minutes and forwarded to each Kitsap Transit Board member.

Thank you.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

This is corrected version of last comment.

From: Mark Stroh <markgstroh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 11:28 AM
To: jacquelynb@kitsaptransit.com <JacquelynB@KitsapTransit.com>
Subject: Kitsap Transit Board Public Comment

Executive Director Clauson said the decision was delegated to a separate committee. Where is that in the law? See highlights in yellow. Read it as part of my comments/

RCW 36.57A.055

Governing body—Periodic review of composition.

After a public transportation benefit area has been in existence for four years, members of the county legislative authority and the elected representative of each city within the boundaries of the public transportation benefit area shall review the composition of the governing body of the benefit area and change the composition of the governing body if the change is deemed appropriate. When determining if a change to the composition of the governing body is appropriate, the proportional representation requirements of RCW 36.57A.050 must be taken into consideration if the population of the county in which the public transportation benefit area is located is more than four hundred thousand and the county does not also contain a city with a population of seventy-five thousand or more operating a transit system pursuant to chapter 35.95 RCW, and the composition of the governing body must be changed if necessary to meet this requirement. The review shall be at a meeting of the designated representatives of the component county and cities, and the majority of those present shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. Twenty days notice of the meeting shall be given by the chief administrative officer of the public transportation benefit area authority. After the initial review, a review shall be held every four years.

If an area having a population greater than fifteen percent, or areas with a combined population of greater than twenty-five percent of the population of the existing public transportation benefit area as constituted at the last review meeting, annex to the public transportation benefit area, or if an area is added under RCW 36.57A.140(2), the representatives of the component county and cities shall meet within ninety days to review and change the composition of the governing body, if the change is deemed appropriate. This meeting is in addition to the regular four-year review meeting and shall be conducted pursuant to the same notice requirement and quorum provisions of the regular review.