

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-56**

A RESOLUTION OF THE KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR  
GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES WITH KITSAP LAW GROUP FOR THE  
INITIAL TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

**WHEREAS,** Kitsap Transit retained the law firm of Templeton Horton Weibel PLLC dba Kitsap Law Group in September 2015 through adoption of Resolution No. 15-63; and

**WHEREAS,** the amended contract approved by Resolution No. 21-43 expired September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** Kitsap Law Group provided an addendum that extends the contract for an additional two-year period ending September 30, 2025, with no rate increase; and

**WHEREAS,** the amended contract approved by Resolution No. 23-53 will expire on September 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Kitsap Transit continues to be involved with substantial projects requiring regular legal assistance and contributions; and

**WHEREAS,** staff has performed due diligence with other local agencies and finds Kitsap Law Group's proposed rates as fair and reasonable; and

**WHEREAS,** the terms of the contract shall be for an initial period of one (1) year with four (4) one (1) year options if Kitsap Transit, at its sole discretion, chooses to extend the contract; and

**WHEREAS,** at the end of each contract year, Kitsap Transit will review the market conditions that have created Sole Source justification for this contract and if those conditions still exist, Kitsap Transit may extend the contract for another year; and

**WHEREAS,** staff recommend entering into the contract with Kitsap Law

Group to maintain consistent knowledge base and efficiencies in moving forward with these projects, along with others, and general legal counsel in day-to-day operations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners hereby authorize and direct staff to enter into a contract for General Legal Counsel with Kitsap Law Group with terms of the contract for an initial period of one (1) year, ending September 30, 2026, with four (4) one (1) year options.

**ADOPTED** by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners of at a regular meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

Signed by:

*Rob Putaansuu*

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Rob Putaansuu, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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*Jackie Bidon*

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Jackie Bidon, Clerk of the Board