

**SKAGIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Skagit PUD Aqua Room
Mount Vernon, Washington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon, Acting Chair; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County; Councilmember Germaine Kornegay, City of Sedro-Woolley; Councilmember Matt Miller, City of Anacortes; Commissioner Jon Petrich, Port of Anacortes; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; and Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County.

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director; Katie Bunge, Assistant Planner; and Mark Hamilton, Senior Transportation Planner.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Three members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.
Roll Call: Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
3. Chair's Report: There was nothing to report.
4. Executive Director's Report: Kevin Murphy notified the Board that fliers for the October 15, 2019 Housing Summit are finalized. The event is hosted by Skagit County Public Health, and takes place from 3-7 p.m. at McIntyre Hall.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of June 19, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of August 21, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Certification
AP voucher batch #129489, #129530 and #129734 in an amount totaling \$13,018.60; and payroll certification for August 2019 in the amount of \$32,713.44.
Mayor Sexton moved approval of the consent agenda items, and Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Roundtable and Open Topic Discussion: Board members discussed strategies for addressing the needs of those experiencing homelessness within their jurisdictions. The City of Burlington hosted a

community discussion on the topic of homelessness. Skagit County is experiencing more code enforcement issues related to homelessness than usual. Commissioner Janicki shared that the Seventh Day Adventist Church will host an emergency shelter again this year for four months, but this will be the last season they are able to host this shelter. Councilmember Miller shared that the Anacortes Salvation Army cold weather shelter will not open this winter. Mayor Boudreau updated the Board that the City of Mount Vernon has four codes related to sheltering individuals in homelessness, which may be useful for other jurisdictions to review.

Mayor Boudreau reported that the Cascadia Innovation Corridor Conference will be taking place on October 2 and 3, 2019. Mayor Boudreau will be participating on a panel related to the issues of housing, transportation and connectivity.

- 7. Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Burlington City Council Chambers.
- 8. Adjourned: Mayor Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Information Items: The Board of Directors were provided with a monthly financial update.

Approved,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: _____

Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes
Board of Directors Chair
Skagit Council of Governments

Dated: _____