

Spokane Transit Authority
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STA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes of August 21, 2025, Special Meeting
Virtual Meeting with in-person joining Option

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lance Speirs, Medical Lake (*Chair pro tem*)
Al French, Spokane County
Betsy Wilkerson, City of Spokane
Josh Kerns, Spokane County
Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane
Michael Cathcart, City of Spokane
Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley
Zack Zappone, City of Spokane
Chris Grover, Cheney-*ex-officio*
Dan Dunne, Liberty Lake *ex-officio*
Hank Bynaker, Airway Heights-*ex-officio*
Rhonda Bowers, Labor Representative, *Non-Voting*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pam Haley, City of Spokane Valley
Dan Sander, Millwood-*ex-officio*

STAFF PRESENT

Karl Otterstrom, Chief Executive Officer
Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer
Emily Poole, Interim Chief Planning & Development
Officer
Carly Cortright, Chief Communications & Customer
Service Officer
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer
Robert Hamud, Chief Financial Officer
Dana Infalt, Clerk of the Authority

PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL

Rod Yonker, Summit Law
Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon

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1. Call to Order and Approve the Agenda– The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02, and the Clerk conducted roll call.

Mr. Hattenburg moved to approve the agenda. Mr. French seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Executive Session – At 2:06, the Chair advised the Board would adjourn to Executive session under *RCW 42.30.140 for the purpose of discussing, planning, or adopting the strategy or position to be taken during the course of ongoing collective bargaining.*

The Board advised they would return at 2:21 pm.

At 2:21, the Clerk advised the Board requested an additional five minutes and would return at 2:26.

The Board returned to open session at 2:26 pm.

The clerk advised the recording had not been started and, with the Chair's approval, recapped the Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, and the timing of the Executive Session for the video record.

3. Potential Action regarding contract renewal - **Mr. Hattenburg moved to approve, by motion, a three-year contract for the term July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, with AFSCME 3939 representing Paratransit employees with an increase in wages effective August 31, 2025. Ms. Klitzke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**
4. Adjourn - With there being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Infalt
Clerk of the Authority