

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The first special meeting for September 2025 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on September 2, 2025. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Russell E. Olsen and Chris Stearns were present for the hybrid meeting hosted via Zoom video conferencing and in-person at District Headquarters, located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- David Gruver, Assistant Director of Field Operations (ADFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Joseph A. Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel

Call to Order:

Commissioner Stearns called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments:

There were seven virtual attendees and two in-person attendees for this meeting, in addition to the six applicants present for the nomination and appointment of PUD Commissioner for District No. 1. However, no attendees chose to speak during public comment.

Interview of Candidates:

FD Tartt provided information on the interview process, and all six applicants gave an opening statement to the Board. The applicants then answered three rounds of questions.

At 6:10 p.m., a ten-minute break was announced. At 6:20 p.m., the regular meeting resumed.

The applicants finished another three rounds of interview questions, then each provided a closing statement to the Board.

Executive Session:

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Stearns announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h), for 30 minutes until 8:20 p.m. At 8:20 p.m., it was announced that the Executive Session would be extended for ten minutes until 8:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., the Executive Session concluded, and the regular meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m. No decisions were made during Executive Session, for which the District's attorney was present.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Nomination of Candidate for Appointment to PUD Commissioner for District No. 1

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to nominate James Cooper for appointment to the District No. 1 Commissioner position: the motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Stearns made a motion to nominate Bruce Wilkinson, Jr. for appointment to the District No. 1 Commissioner position: the motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion to nominate James Campbell for appointment to the District No. 1 Commissioner position: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the Board directed GM Weidenfeller to take steps to advance the appointment of Mr. Campbell as the PUD Commissioner for District No. 1.

Adjournment: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Stearns seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Christopher Stearns
Christopher Stearns (Oct 13, 2025 08:45:18 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Russell E. Olsen
Russell E. Olsen (Oct 1, 2025 10:47:53 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and Vice President

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