

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The second regular meeting for February 2026 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on February 24, 2026. 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; Commissioner Jim Campbell was excused from the meeting. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director (FD)
- David Gruver, Acting Director of Field Operations (ADFO)
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative and Associate Clerk to the Board

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2026

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: February 11, 2026, February 18, 2026
- 2) Payroll: February 20, 2026

Other:

- 1) Reminder: Association Meetings at WPUDA (Olympia), March 18-20, 2026
- 2) Reminder: Clothing Orders Due February 27, 2026
- 3) Reminder: Commissioner Campbell Excused from Regular Commission Meeting (Attending WPUDA Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C.)
- 4) Excuse GM Weidenfeller, ADFO Gruver, and FD Tartt from Regular Commission Meeting on March 10, 2026 (Attending Fox Hill HOA Meeting)
- 5) Excuse GM Weidenfeller from Regular Commission Meeting on March 25, 2026 (Attending General Managers Meeting in Pasco, WA)

Approval of Consent Calendar:

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

Public Comments:

One member of the public was present virtually, but they did not provide public comment.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

1st Reading – Resolution 26-14, Revision to URAC Bylaws

FD Tartt introduced Resolution 26-14, adoption of which would revise the bylaws for the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) with several changes; FD Tartt explained the proposed changes. Commissioner Olsen asked about informing URAC members of the proposed changes; FD Tartt addressed the Commissioner's question.

Discussion – Project Help Customer Support Program Report

FD Tartt provided an updated report on the District's Project Help Customer Support Program and listed the upcoming changes for the program. Commissioner Olsen asked a couple of clarifying questions on program details; FD Tartt addressed the Commissioner's question.

Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 26-07, Policies and Procedures Update

FD Tartt presented Resolution 26-07, adoption of which would implement the revisions to the District's Procedure 700-001 Disconnect Week. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-07 as presented: Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.**

Resolution 26-09, 2nd Amended 2026 Operating Budget

FD Tartt presented Resolution 26-09, adoption of which would incorporate several changes to the General and Water Funds for the 2026 Operating Budget; FD Tartt addressed the specific changes requested with this resolution. Both Commissioners Olsen and Stearns had questions for District staff, and this topic was discussed at length. **Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-09 as presented: Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.**

Presentations:

GM Weidenfeller reported on several potential water system acquisitions and further discussed this topic with the Board. The GM also reported on a recent WWUC/WPUDA meeting with the Washington State Department of Ecology on two policy revisions.

AGM Parker reported that another deposit is expected from the 3M settlement related to PFAS contamination. Commissioner Stearns confirmed with AGM Parker that the settlement is a court judgement, not affected by recent deregulation.

ADFO Gruver reported on several items, including new water system connections, new meters installed, a recent structure fire near the PUD Field Operations location, and asbestos training.

DPC Gubbe provided updates on larger projects at the Pattison 500 and Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water systems. Commissioners Olsen and Stearns discussed the PFAS remediation project at Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 and the Washington State Department of Health with District staff.

FD Tartt went through her written report and reported on water service disconnections. The FD also reported on a recent issue with meter tampering with a customer on the Cedarwood 763 water system. Commissioner Olsen asked about the amount of the District's tampering fee. Commissioner Stearns asked about further contact with the customer and providing additional information to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. District staff addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns discussed an earlier meeting with the Department of Health on reorganization. The Commissioner will attend the upcoming Chehalis Basin Partnership meeting.

Commissioner Olsen will attend the upcoming URAC meeting on February 25, 2026. The Commissioner suggested a waiting process for interested URAC members. However, GM Weidenfeller explained that there's only one individual the District has received interest from for the URAC group. The Board further discussed this topic with the GM.

Commissioner Campbell was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Assignments: None

Russell E. Olsen

Russell E. Olsen (Mar 11, 2026 07:17:07 PDT)

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Christopher Stearns

Christopher Stearns (Mar 17, 2026 16:27:13 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary

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