



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

May 8, 2026, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

JSCEE Room 2750

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Steve Tatge called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.
- b. Roll call:
 - i. Committee members present: Steve Tatge, Duncan Griffin, Nicky Kamemoto-Lyons, Janet Donelson, Luis Adan, Monty Anderson, Sherry Edquid, Jenn DuHamel
 - ii. Committee members absent: Adib Altallal, Warren Johnson, Mike Fink,
 - iii. Board Directors present: Jen LaVallee
 - iv. Board Directors absent: Vivian Song
 - v. Capital Projects Staff present: Fred Podesta, Becky Asencio, Mike Skutack, Melissa Coan, Vince Gonzales, Jen Lincoln
 - vi. Capital Projects Staff absent: Richard Best
- c. The meeting agenda: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda. Janet Donelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The meeting minutes: Luis Adan made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2026. Janet Donelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. BEX V & BTA V Project Financial Updates

Capital Finance Manager Melissa Coan reported on the BEX V Capital Levy through March 31, 2026. She highlighted that a few smaller expenditures had come in for Major Projects that were otherwise complete. She conveyed that the program was on course with no negative variances but also no new savings. She noted that a portion of the current underspend of \$8.5M was allocated to the Rainier Beach High School project, which Richard Best would address at the June meeting.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA V Capital Levy through March 31, 2026. She conveyed that the program was 48% spent. She confirmed that the program is in the black with revenue over expenditures.

Mr. Griffin asked about potential underspend from the upcoming solar projects. Ms. Coan confirmed that any underspend there would return to the Clean Energy Improvements allotment.

Ms. Edquid asked when the BEX VI budget report would be presented. Ms. Coan clarified that it was planned for the September meeting. She confirmed that her team is already managing that program budget even though it had not been shared with the committee yet.

3. BEX V & BTA V Project Updates

Senior Project Managers Vince Gonzales and Mike Skutack provided status updates on active projects. Mr. Gonzales highlighted the recent Mass Timber tour of Seattle Public Schools (SPS) buildings and noted that the Alki Elementary School project, which was on that tour, included the structure for a future photovoltaic array. Mr. Skutack explained that future phases of the AV, Intercom and Security project were being rescheduled based on cash flow matters. Mr. Podesta confirmed that the Memorial Stadium project included the participation of the Assistant Superintendent of Finance Kurt Buttleman and Mr. Best in weekly meetings.

Mr. Tatge asked if the district was able to consider consolidating solar installations at one larger site versus smaller installation on multiple sites. SPS Major Preventative Maintenance Manager Noah Greenberg clarified that he did not believe the consolidated approach was allowed but should be explored.

4. Annual Carbon Reduction/Energy Use Updates

Becky Asencio & Ian Brown – Seattle Public Schools

Michael Baranick – Hargis Engineers

K-12 Planning Manager Becky Asencio introduced the presenters: SPS Resource Conservation Specialist Ian Brown and Michael Baranick, Associate Principal Energy Services at Hargis Engineers.

Mr. Brown delivered a comprehensive overview of the Washington state Clean Building Performance Standard and the City of Seattle Building Emissions Performance Standard. He provided the status of SPS building compliance with each of these requirements. He highlighted improvements illustrated by the SPS data and the teams responsible for these improvements. He presented SPS energy use and costs.

Mr. Baranick presented key data points from the Measurement and Verification process of several BEX V schools. He conveyed the successes and surprises about energy use at the schools. He introduced the use of SkySpark, an online data tool that stores, manages, and visualizes data, and how it facilitates understanding energy use and can inform changes to improve how the district uses energy in its buildings.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Baranick concluded the presentation with attention to the use of renewable energy in the district. Mr. Brown discussed the buildings with solar arrays. He noted the challenges of evaluating data on these arrays due to the different platforms and metering systems at the sites. Mr. Baranick addressed the use of ground source heat pumps and the improved systems employed between BEX IV to BEX V and looking ahead to inform BEX VI projects.

Mr. Griffin suggested installing real-time data displays about energy use in the school buildings to create an educational opportunity to learn from the building itself.

Mr. Tatge asked about the staffing and funding of SPS maintenance teams that work in the buildings. Mr. Brown confirmed that consistent and appropriate building maintenance is an ongoing process that depends on these teams.

Director LaVallee asked about how the buildings are cooled for summer use. Mr. Brown clarified summer activities are consolidated in zones of the building that can be cooled without cooling the entire building.

Mr. Griffin suggested identifying the return on investment from solar installations and the corresponding savings to operating costs.

Mr. Anderson highlighted the importance of mechanical pipe insulation and noted that the District's mechanical engineers and project managers need to pay closer attention to the execution of the work so achieve full realization of the conservation benefits for these systems.

5. Adjourn

Mr. Tatge adjourned the meeting at 10:26 AM.