
The Kennewick Public Facilities District
Regular Meeting
Three Rivers Convention Center
Board Room

February 26, 2026

Minutes

5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Calvin Dudney called the Regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Roll Call

Megan Caldwell called the roll.

Present: Calvin Dudney, President; Ron Hue, Secretary; Kim Shugart, Board Member.

Absent: Renee Brooks, Treasurer; Austin Crawford, Board Member

A quorum was established.

Also, present: Corey Pearson, Executive Director; Rob Gierke, General Manager; Sybil Young, Director of Sales; Michelle Gustafson, Director of Food & Beverage; Joe Potts, Director of Finance; Hector Cruz, Visit Tri-Cities.

Calvin Dudney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ron Hue moved to approve the agenda. Kim Shugart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes of January 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- b) Claims roster dated January 2026 for \$275,848.33 (TC)
Warrants:28916-28994 Voids: 28973
Claims roster dated January 2026 for \$73.78 (Box Office)
Warrants: None Voids: None
- c) Claims roster dated January 2026 for \$204,838.65 (TRCC)
Warrants:27403-27458 Voids:27410, 27430
Claims roster dated January 2026 for \$3,641,598.52 (TRCCX)
Warrants:5049-5050 Voids: None
Total January payroll paid out: \$400,314.79

Kim Shugart moved to approve the consent agenda. Ron Hue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Visitors

Matt Watkins, Pasco PFD; Tyler Whitney, Calbe Huston LLP; Steve Peters, VenuWorks;
Tom Richter, VenuWorks

Matt Watkins gave an update on the Pasco Aquatic Center progress.

New Business

a) December 2025 and January 2026 Financial Reports

Joe Potts reviewed 2025 year end financial reports for the Three Rivers Convention Center, Toyota Center and Toyota Area as well as the January 2026 financial reports for the campus.

Kim Shugart moved to approve the December 2025 Year-End Financial Reports. Ron Hue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Ron Hue moved to approve the January 2026 Financial Reports. Kim Shugart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

b) Expansion Update

Lawrence Barney reviewed the most recent observation report and photo updates of the project. Lawrence shared that March 11th will be the final concrete pour for the project.

c) Corporate Update

Steve updated the board on current VW business including adding a new building in Fresno California, and a dinner theater in Des Moines, IA. Steve shared that the transition to employee ownership is still underway as it promotes his value of people first – profits follow.

d) Art Committee Approval

Corey Pearson shared the 2 additional members who agreed to participate in the art committee so that meetings can move forward.

Ron Hue moved to approve the proposed Art Committee members. Kim Shugart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

e) Visit Tri-Cities Report

Hector Cruz reviewed the RFP tracking report and shared that the MPI conference just concluded in Suncadia was very successful with a showcase of the expansion. Hector shared that the Sales Blitz in Olympia will be March 18-19.

f) SpringHill Suites Report

No Report.

g) Executive Director Report

Sybil Young reported the marketing push that is happening for the expansion with efforts producing multiple event booking starting opening day.

Corey Pearson shared that he met with BCOFD in January and received funding from the discretionary fund and was able to tour the AC hotel last week.

Board Comments/Discussion

Ron Hue shared his gratitude and appreciation for staff and a job well done at the Kennewick Man and Woman Banquet.

Kim shared gratitude for a productive finance meeting with Joe.

Adjournment/Recess

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

The KPFD Board's minutes are intended to be a reasonable summary of the Board's deliberations and actions. The minutes are not a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting. The minutes include all actions taken by the Board.

Megan Caldwell Approved by the Board of Directors