

CHAIR REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 CPARB MEETING

Welcome back CPARB board members from summer break. Hope you had time to refresh and rejuvenate for the fall and the work ahead of us. A big thank you to all the board members and volunteers for your many hours of work on our active subcommittees over the summer months. I have been able to attend many of the meetings and know first-hand how hard you have been working while the board is on summer break.

The Governor has reappointed Josh Swanson and Bruce Hayashi for another four-year term and selected Robin Strom as our newest member representing General Contractors. Welcome Robin. We also express our deep gratitude to the outgoing board members, Bill Dobyns, Mike Shinn and Robynne Thaxton. The Governor's office has not made any decisions yet on the other expiring seats and we appreciate Irene Reyes and Santosh Kuruvilla continuing to serve while we await appointment decisions.

With the end of legislative session, I do not have any legislative advocacy to report.

Regarding PRC, I was asked to follow up with Everett Housing Authority regarding their RFP for a GC/CM project, initially in front of PRC in January 2023 and was denied. I contacted the housing authority and they referred me to their attorney (a different one from the name listed in their January PRC project application. They both indicated that their circumstances had changed since the initial PRC application and they will have federal funding, which precludes them from the RCW 39.10 provisions. We are awaiting their formal reply for our records.

I look forward to another year of meaningful work, to advance and improve our public works procurement processes, as your CPARB Chair. "See" you virtually Thursday, September 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

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CPARB Chair