

Construction Cost Escalation (for SWR) Committee

Meeting Agenda

July 2, 2025

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Location: via Zoom

Meeting ID: 851 2540 4806 **Passcode:** 933045

Committee Members:

(11 Members, 6 = Quorum)

Olivia Yang, Owner Higher Education *Chair*

Theresa Bauccio, Owner Cities

Robert Blain, Owner Counties

Garett Buckingham, Owner Public Hospitals

Ron Endlich, Owner Transit

Erin Frasier, Labor

Bruce Hayashi, Architects

Karen Mooseker, Owner Sch. Districts

Angela Peterson, Owner Ports

Michael Transue, MCA

Justin Vena, General Contractors (SWR)

Vacant, Small Works Roster Representative

Vacant, Association of small/diverse businesses

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3:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions	Information	Olivia Yang
	New Member?		Justin / Michael
3:05 pm	Report Backs:		
	- Michael – which threshold his constituents would be comfortable - Owner explanation regarding desire to increase SWR Threshold	Information	
4:10 pm	Next Steps	Discussion	Olivia
	- Continue discussion		
4:20 pm	Set next meeting Agenda: 7/16	Action	
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4:30 pm	Adjourn		

Purpose/Mission:

Per RCW [39.04.154](#) review construction cost escalation data and make recommendations to CPARB to make recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees on adjustments to the contracting thresholds for small works rosters per RCW [39.04.152](#).

Action items for next meeting:

- 1) Jon Rose will research when it was first identified by an agency, justified by one of the price indexes, that \$300,000 had escalated to \$350,000.
- 2) Michael Transue and Erin Frasier will consult with their constituents to understand what increase in SWR ceiling is desired.
- 3) Chair Olivia Yang & other owners prepare for discussion of why their agencies would benefit from an SWR ceiling increase.

Other attendees:

	Talia Baker, CPARB Staff (DES)		Axel Swanson, WA Assoc. of Counties
	Colleen Newell, MFA (scribe)		Jon Rose, MRSC
	Nancy Deakins, CPARB Staff (DES)		Melanie Harding, MRSC
	Sam Humphreys, MFA (Scribe)		Brianna Morin, AWC
	Lisa Lagerstrom, MRSC		Steven Ellis, AWC
	Chris Harman, WPPA		

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Resources:

1. RCW [39.04.154](#)
2. RCW [39.04.152](#)
3. [2SSB 5268](#): 30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. Beginning in 2025 and every five years 31 thereafter, the capital projects advisory review board must review 32 construction cost escalation data for Washington state, readily 33 available in industry publications, roster utilization, and other 34 appropriate data and metrics, and make recommendations to the 35 appropriate committees of the legislature on adjustments to the 36 contracting thresholds described in section 15 of this act.
4. Committee Homepage: <https://des.wa.gov/about/committees-groups/capital-projects-advisory-review-board-cparb/construction-cost-escalation-committee>
5. US & WA Construction Trends and Outlook by Ken Simonson: <https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-05/2025-05-08-5-CPARB-US-WA-ConstructionTrendsOutlookKenSimonson.pdf>
6. DES Small Works Roster Templates and Instructions: <https://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities-and-leasing-management/public-works-design-construction/changes-small-works-roster>