

Construction Cost Escalation (for SWR) Committee

Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2025

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Location: via Zoom**Meeting ID:** 851 2540 4806 **Passcode:** 933045**Committee Members:***(12 Members, 7 = Quorum)*

Olivia Yang, Owner Higher Education Chair	Karen Mooseker, Owner Sch. Districts / Shelly Henderson (proxy)
Theresa Bauccio-Teschlog, Owner Cities	Angela Peterson, Owner Ports
Robert Blain, Owner Counties	Irene Reyes, Association of small/diverse businesses
Garett Buckingham, Owner Public Hospitals	Michael Transue, Specialty Contractors
Ron Endlich, Owner Transit	Justin Vena, General Contractors (SWR #1)
Erin Frasier, Labor	
Bruce Hayashi, Architects	<i>Vacant, Small Works Roster Representative #2</i>

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3:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions	Information	Olivia Yang
	Approve Agenda	Action	
	Approve Minutes from 9/10/2025	Action	
3:05 pm	Approve Legislative Report	Action	
3:10 pm	Approve Draft Legislative Bill	Action	
3:20 pm	Next Steps	Discussion	Olivia
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3:25 pm	Set next meeting Agenda: 10/22 ?	Action	
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3:30 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 from last meeting:

1. Michael Transue will report on the outcomes of the Construction Industry Council
2. Jon Rose (MRSC) to explore tracking capabilities for bidder types and thresholds—follow-up discussion to be scheduled.
3. Committee members to draft and come to consensus a legislature report and bill to vote on at the next committee meeting on October 8th. Materials are to be submitted to Chair Yang and will be distributed by Talia Baker.
4. Talia to notify CPARB to expect the report and draft bill for review on October 8th, ahead of the CPARB meeting on October 9th.

Other attendees:

X	Garrett Augusty, MFA (Scribe)		Lisa Lagerstrom, MRSC
X	Talia Baker, CPARB Staff (DES)	X	Brynn Linville, MRSC
	Nancy Deakins, CPARB Staff (DES)		Brent Ludeman
X	Steven Ellis, AWC		Brianna Morin, AWC
	Theresa Gonzalez		Colleen Newell, MFA (scribe)
	Melanie Harding, MRSC	X	Jon Rose, MRSC
	Chris Harman, WPPA		Brian Ross - WWU
	Claire Hornacek, MFA (scribe)	X	Paul Schut, Energy NW
	Sam Humphreys, MFA (Scribe)		Axel Swanson, WA Assoc. of Counties

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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>