

Construction Cost Escalation (for SWR) Committee

Meeting Agenda

July 16, 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-Teschlog, 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/ Shelly Henderson (*proxy*)

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
	Approve Agenda	Action	
	Approve Minutes from 6/18 & 7/2	Action	
3:05 pm	Report Backs:		
	Owner Feedback (<i>As many as possible</i>)	Information	
	- What would a reasonable threshold increase look like? (\$) - What would the guardrails/parameters be? - Other impacts to consider?		
4:10 pm	Next Steps	Discussion	Olivia
	- Continue discussion		
4:20 pm	Set next meeting Agenda: 7/30	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 from last meeting:

1. Theresa Bauccio-Teschlog will send the email she drafted, illustrating various cities' comments on SWR threshold increase, to Talia Baker. ✓
2. Chair Olivia Yang will ask Lorrie if the Public Owners Group can meet one week earlier than normal so they can caucus before the 7/16 meeting. ✓

Other attendees:

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

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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>