

Construction Cost Escalation (for SWR) Committee

Meeting Agenda

August 27, 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 8/13	Action	
3:05 pm	- Report Backs from contractors and labor, and prof. services: - What would a reasonable threshold increase look like? (\$) - What would the guardrails/parameters be? - Other impacts to consider? - Possible pilot program with increase limits.	Information	
4:10 pm	Next Steps - Continue discussion	Discussion	Olivia
4:20 pm	Set next meeting Agenda: 9/10 - Public Owner report continued discussion regarding pilot program - Contractors and labor, and prof. services continued discussion	Action	
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:

- Representatives of labor, contractors, and professional services ask their membership what projected SWR threshold they would be comfortable with, between \$500,000 and \$1 million, for 2025-2030.

Other attendees:

Talia Baker, CPARB Staff (DES)
Nancy Deakins, CPARB Staff (DES)
Steven Ellis, AWC
Melanie Harding, MRSC
Chris Harman, WPPA
Sam Humphreys, MFA (Scribe)
Lisa Lagerstrom, MRSC

Brent Ludeman
Brianna Morin, AWC
Colleen Newell, MFA (scribe)
Jon Rose, MRSC
Brian Ross - WWU
Axel Swanson, WA Assoc. of Counties
Theresa Gonzalez

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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>