



Salem Area Mass Transit District

STIFAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance

STIFAC Members:

Present:

Chair Jim Row
Fred Evander
Kyle Miller
Marja Byers
Stephen Dobrinich
Steve Anderson

Absent:

Beth Schmidt
Dodie Brockamp
Kimberly Dwyer

Board Liaison

Ramiro Navarro Jr.

Staff:

CPDO Shofi Ull Azum

Meeting Information

1. Call To Order

A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum

Chair Row called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
Attendance was noted.

B. Safety Minute

CPDO Azum presented the safety minute presented the Safety Minute, offering tips to stay safe in the kitchen this holiday season.

C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda

None

2. Public Comment

None

3. Discussion

A. Reappointment Recommendations

Chair Jim Row reviewed the current committee composition, noting two vacancies and six terms expiring in December 2025. Staff conducted outreach to affected members. Based on responses, the committee recommended reappointment of Steve Anderson, Stephen Dobrinich, and Jim Row to two-year terms to maintain staggered membership.

Action

- Motion: I move to recommend the reappointments of Steven Anderson, Stephen Dobrinich, and Jim Row to the STIFAC to serve a two year term.
- Motion by: Member Dobrinich
- Second: Member Miller
- Vote: Aye: Chair Row, Members Evander, Miller, Byers, Dobrinich, and Anderson
Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

B. Appointment Recommendations

The committee reviewed a membership application distributed by staff and agreed to recommend appointment.

Action

- Motion: I move to recommend appointment of Michael De Blasi to the STIFAC.
- Motion by: Member Miller
- Second: Member Evander
- Vote: Aye: Chair Row, Members Evander, Miller, Byers, Dobrinich, and Anderson
Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

C. Officer Nominations & Recommendations

Chair Row noted that offer term limits had been reached and new nominations were required.

Action

- Motion: I move to recommend the appointment of Jim Row as Vice Chair and Marja Byers as Chair.
- Motion by: Member Miller
- Second: Member Anderson
- Vote: Aye: Chair Row, Members Evander, Miller, Byers, Dobrinich, and Anderson
Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

4. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. June 9, 2025 STIFAC Meeting Minutes

Action

- Motion: I move to approve the June 9, 2025 STIFAC Meeting Minutes.
- Motion by: Member Byers
- Second: Member Miller
- Vote: Aye: Chair Row, Members Evander, Miller, Byers, Dobrinich, and Anderson
Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

5. Staff Update

Staff summarized key 2026 developments, including ODOT rulemaking on STIF/QE oversight (final action expected January 2026), potential uncertainty around the HB 2025 payroll tax due to a referendum effort, and a planned review of STIF allocation methodology ahead of the next biennium.

Staff also noted Silverton's transit study is underway and may lead to future funding requests. Upcoming service changes in Woodburn and Cherriots were highlighted, and the committee expressed interest in future meetings at STIF-funded locations.

Staff anticipates increased meeting frequency in early 2026 due to pending policy and funding decisions.

6. Adjourn

Chair Row adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marja S. Byers

Marja S. Byers (Jun 15, 2026 09:55:27 PDT)

Marja Byers, STIFAC Chair