



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Budget Outlook Methodology and Adoption
January 25, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate
Lynda Wilson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director
Rachel Knutson, OFM
Corban Nemeth, Senate Ways and Means
Andy Toulon, House Appropriations

Call to Order²⁰

Representative Ormsby called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Representative Ormsby, to adopt the meeting minutes from November 18, 2022. Motion was passed at 2:02 p.m.

Budget Outlook Methodology Adoption Presentation

The Budget Outlook Work Group members presented.

Motion

Director Schumacher moved, seconded by Representative Ormsby, to assume the lease savings as savings in the budget outlook. After discussion Schumacher withdrew motion to be re-entered by a different council member.

Motion

Senator Rolfes moved, seconded by Representative Ormsby, to assume the lease savings as savings in the budget outlook. Motion passed at 2:12 p.m.

Motion

Senator Rolfes moved, seconded by Representative Ormsby, to approve the budget outlook methodology as presented. Orcutt requested an amendment be added to the motion requesting the removal of the capital gains tax from the outlook. Motion did not pass with 5 no votes and 2 yes votes.

Motion Vote

Vote on original motion, without amendment, voted on and passed with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Council Request

Representative Orcutt requested an additional budget outlook be prepared that does not include the capital gains tax. Outlook Workgroup agreed to provide an official outlook an alternative outlook without the capital gains tax included.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Economic Review
March 3, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Lynda Wilson, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Representative Ormsby called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

First Order of business

Representative Ormsby asked the council to nominate the next council chair. Director Schumacher moved, seconded by Representative Ormsby, to nominate Senator Wilson as next chair. Motion passed at 8:03 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Wilson, as new chair, asked the council for a motion to approve meeting minutes. Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from January 25, 2023. Motion passed at 8:03 a.m.

Economic Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Administrative

Senator Wilson asked the council to vote on meeting format going forward (virtual or in-person). Representative Orcutt proposed format going forward should be virtual for the Economic Review and in-person for the Revenue Review. Two voted for fully virtual meetings. 4 voted for a hybrid format. Senator Wilson announced format going forward would be a hybrid system with Economic Review meetings being virtually, while Revenue Review meetings will be held in person.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Revenue Review
March 20, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from March 3, 2023. Motion passed at 2:02 p.m.

Revenue Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Motion

Senator Rolfes moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the revenue forecast and the unofficial optimistic and pessimistic revenue forecast. Motion passed at 2:23 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Budget Outlook Methodology
June 5, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director
Rachel Knutson, OFM
Corban Nemeth, Senate Ways and Means
Andy Toulon, House Appropriations

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Director Schumacher moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting. Motion was approved at 10:01 a.m.

Budget Outlook Methodology Presentation

The Budget Outlook Work Group members presented several issues for the Council to provide guidance in the preparation of the Outlook for the Enacted 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to assume zero reversions in all areas of the budget except the \$15 million already received by the Health Care Authority (HCA). Motion did not pass with 2 votes to approve and 5 votes against approval.

Motion

Representative Ormsby moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to assume the \$256 million savings from additional general fund-state reversions, and to assume the \$95 million savings from additional K-3 reversions. Motion passed at 10:23 a.m. with 5 for and 2 against.

Motion

Representative Ormsby moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to make no assumptions on reversions regarding office space use reductions and defaulting to the budget document as it currently exists. Motion passed at 10:27 a.m. with 5 votes for and 2 against.

Motion

Senator Rolfes moved, seconded by Representative Orcutt, to assume the \$15 million in received HCA gain sharing remittances for CY 2020 and the \$69 million in estimated HCA gain share remittances for CY 2021 in the prior period adjustment section of the Outlook. Motion passed at 10:34 with 5 votes for and 2 against.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Budget Outlook Adoption and Economic Review
June 13, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director
Rachel Knutson, OFM
Corban Nemeth, Senate Ways and Means
Andy Toulon, House Appropriations

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Ormsby moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 5, 2023, meeting. Motion was approved at 10:01 a.m.

Budget Outlook Presentation

The Budget Outlook Work Group members presented the Budget Outlook for the Enacted 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget.

Motion

Senator Rolfes moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to approve the enacted Budget Outlook. Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote at 10:24 a.m.

Economic Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic forecast and revenue collections since the March forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Adjournment

With no further business, the official meeting adjourned with the council stepping into an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 10:45 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Revenue Review
June 27, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
Drew Shirk, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Absent

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
Christine Rolfes, Senate

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Director Schumacher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Director Schumacher, to adopt the meeting minutes from June 13, 2023. Motion passed with 5 votes at 10:02 a.m.

Revenue Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Director Schumacher, to adopt the revenue forecast and the unofficial optimistic and pessimistic revenue forecast as presented. Motion passed with 5 votes at 10:20 a.m.

Executive Session follow-up

Motion

Orcutt moved, seconded by Director Schumacher to include the Senate Committee Services staff, the Office of Program Research, and the Office of Financial Management, State HR, to create a hiring committee to bring the hiring process to backfill the ERFC executive director's position. Motion passed with 5 yes votes at 10:23 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Special Council Meeting
July 31, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Corry, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Christine Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Yasmine Trudeau, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Dave Johnson, Fiscal Coordinator,
House Appropriations Committee
Susan Howson, Staff Coordinator, Senate
Ways and Means

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2023. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, at 11:04 a.m.

Executive Session

All 10 council members exited the general meeting to enter the Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.
All 10 council members returned to the general meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the ERFC executive director recruitment schedule as presented, in addition to approving the hiring due date included within the recruitment schedule. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, at 12:04 p.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to modify the salary range to \$170,000 to \$233,064 per year and to include that range within the recruitment posting. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 12:08 p.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Director Schumacher, to adopt the job notification with an amendment to work with the Attorney General to include relocation costs that are in line with the current State guidelines. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 12:14 p.m.

Motion

Representative Berg moved, seconded by Representative Orcutt, to add the Seattle Urban League to the job position locations. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 12:15 p.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to remove the chronicle of Higher Education from the job posting locations. Motion fails with 2 yes votes and 8 no. at 12:19 p.m.

Motion

Representative Corry moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to approve job position locations as amended. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 12:20 p.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to establish a subcommittee for the purposes of hiring a new ERFC executive director, to include one member from each caucus, the director of OFM, and any staff necessary. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 12:29 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Economic Review
September 12, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Corry, House of Representatives
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Yasmine Trudeau, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
Drew Shirk, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from July 31, 2023. Motion passed with 9 votes at 10:02 a.m.

Economic Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Revenue Review
September 26, 2023
John A. Cherberg Bldg./Zoom

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Corry, House of Representatives
Chris Gildon, Senate
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Yasmin Trudeau, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
John Ryser, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023. Motion passed at 10:03 a.m.

Economic Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the revenue forecast as presented. Motion passed with unanimously at 10:35 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
ERFC Hiring Subcommittee
October 2, 2023
Zoom

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Susan Howson, Staff Coordinator,
Senate Ways and Means
Andrew Krawczyk, Assistant Attorney
General

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt recommended Ken Matheny as qualified, Rachel Knutson as well qualified, and David Reich as very qualified, with the top two candidates, David Reich and Rachel Knutson, be made available to interview with the full council during the Special Council meeting to be held October 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Senator Wilson and passed unanimously at 8:52 a.m.

Administrative

Susan Howson to follow up with all three candidates regarding process going forward.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
ERFC Special Council Meeting
October 6, 2023
Zoom

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Gildon, Senate
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Yasmin Trudeau, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
Drew Shirk, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Susan Howson, Staff Coordinator,
Senate Ways and Means
Andrew Krawczyk, Assistant Attorney
General
Steve Lerch, ERFC Director
Michaela Doelman, State HR

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to approve the meeting minutes for September 26, 2023. Motion passed with 9 votes at 10:02 a.m.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to approve the meeting minute for October 2, 2023, with the following change, David Reich, very qualified changed to David Reich, very well qualified. Motion passed with 10 votes at 10:03 a.m.

Executive Session

The Council returned from executive session at 11:45 a.m. with Senator Wilson informing the meeting that the Council has had the opportunity to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants for this position.

Motion

Senator Wilson moved, seconded by Senator Trudeau, that each council member be polled which candidate they would like to select for the position of the Executive Director. Motion passed at 11:47 a.m.

Poll

ERFC Confidential Secretary, Maria Dallenbach, conducted a poll of the council as to their vote for the successful candidate. Senator Wilson voted for Dave Riech, Representative Orcutt voted for Rachel Knutson, Director Shirk voted for Dave Reich, Representative Berg voted for Dave Reich, Director Schumacher voted for Dave Reich, Treasurer Pellicciotti voted for Dave Reich, Senator

Trudeau voted for Rachel Knutson, Representative Ormsby voted for Rachel Knutson, Senator Robinson voted for Dave Reich, and Senator Gildon voted for Dave Reich. Poll results were 7 votes for Dave Reich and 3 votes for Rachel Knutson.

Motion

Representative Ormsby moved, seconded by Representative Orcutt, to appoint Dave Reich to the position of Executive Director of the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. Motion passed with 10 yes votes. At 11:54 a.m.

Motion

Senator Wilson moved, seconded by Representative Orcutt, that she, as Chair, and Steve Lerch, as current Executive Director, discuss compensation with incoming supervisor, Dave Riech, and report back to the council who will then vote to approve the compensation package. Motion passed with 10 yes votes at 11:56 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Special Council Meeting
October 11, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Corry, House of Representatives
Chris Gildon, Senate
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
Dew Shirk, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Executive Session

Council exited public meeting to conduct executive session to return to public meeting in 15 minutes.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from October 6, 2023. Motion passed at 3:17 p.m.

Motion to approve incoming Executive Director contract and salary

Senator Wilson moved, seconded by Representative Orcutt, that the council offer the incoming supervisor, Dave Reich, an annual salary of \$220,000.00 a year, with a vacation accrual rate of 20 days per year, and with other employee benefits typically provided to state agency employees; and if agreed to, authorize the chair to finalize and execute an employment contract with those terms on behalf of the Council. Motion passed with 10 votes at 3:21 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Economic Review
November 6, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director
Dave Reich, Incoming Executive
Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from October 11, 2023. Motion passed at 10:03 a.m.

Economic Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Administrative

Incoming Executive Director, Dave Reich, spoke to the council about the transition to date and to thank the council for the opportunity to serve as the ERFC executive director.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL
PO Box 40912 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0912 • (360) 534-1560

Meeting Minutes
Revenue Review
November 20, 2023
Conference Call

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council

Lynda Wilson, Senate, Chair
April Berg, House of Representatives
Chris Corry, House of Representatives
Chris Gildon, Senate
Timm Ormsby, House of Representatives
June Robinson, Senate
Ed Orcutt, House of Representatives
Yasmin Trudeau, Senate
Mike Pellicciotti, Treasurer
Drew Shirk, Department of Revenue
David Schumacher, Office of Financial Management

Staff

Steve Lerch, Executive Director
Dave Reich, Incoming Executive
Director

Call to Order

Senator Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the meeting minutes from November 6, 2023. Motion passed at 10:08 a.m.

Revenue Forecast Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the economic and revenue forecast. Dr. Lerch summarized the forecast changes.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the revenue forecast as presented. Motion passed at 10:23 a.m.

Fiscal Growth Factor Presentation

Dr. Lerch presented information on the Fiscal Growth Factor. Dr. Lerch summarized the growth factor changes and presented the proposed growth factor for 2025.

Motion

Representative Orcutt moved, seconded by Senator Wilson, to adopt the Fiscal Growth Factor as presented. Motion passed at 10:26 a.m.

Administrative

As his final meeting, Dr. Lerch spoke to the council to thank them for the opportunity to serve as the ERFC executive director. He extended his thanks to his staff and all other staff who help the forecasts come together.

In response, the council members expressed their appreciation for his work. Newly appointed Executive Director, Dave Reich, was then introduced and welcomed by the council.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.