



Executive Committee

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Agenda
Performance and Engagement Committee
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
1001 17th St. 7th Floor, Red Rocks Conference Room
Denver, CO

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1. Call to order

Consent agenda

2. Move to approve Consent agenda
 - A. Summary of January 21, 2026, meeting
(Attachment A)

Informational briefings

3. 2026 Awards Celebration: Award categories
(Attachment B) Amber Leberman, Manager, Communications and Marketing
4. Peer Exchange Planning
(Attachment C) Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Administrative items

5. Report of the Chair
6. Report of the Executive Director
7. **Next meeting – March 18, 2026**
8. Other matters by members
9. Adjourn

ATTACH A

Performance and Engagement Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday January 21, 2026

Members Present

Rich Kondo, Chair	Northglenn
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Austin Ward	Broomfield
Kevin Flynn	Denver
Nicole Speer	Boulder
Christine Sweetland	Centennial
Steve Conklin	Edgewater
Colleen Whitlow	Mead
John Diak	Parker

Others Present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; Jeslin Shahrezaei, Lakewood; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Kondo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Director Conklin **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the December 1, 2025, meeting

Peer Exchange Planning

Executive Director Rex provided an update on planning for the event to the committee. The peer exchange visit to Seattle with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) will be May 6–8, after members ruled out June (due to World Cup impacts). Staff is working through logistics, including hotel rates near PSRC downtown, group transportation by charter bus, meal packages, and a preliminary budget of about \$30,000 with potential cost reductions depending on participation and final travel costs. The trip would include opportunities to meet PSRC board members and staff, meetings, and tours.

A draft agenda will include site visits and tours highlighting Seattle’s transportation and development projects (such as BRT, the waterfront redevelopment, and possibly the Boeing factory), along with dinners and networking with PSRC leadership.

Report of the Chair

There was no report.

Report of the Executive Director

There was no report.

Other Matters by Members

There were no other matters by members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.

ATTACH B

Performance and Engagement Committee

Meeting date: February 18, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3

2026 Awards Celebration: Award categories

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

An overview of awards categories for the August 26 awards celebration

Background

The awards celebration on August 26 at the Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts will honor award winners in four categories: Way to Go Awards, Distinguished Service Awards, Metro Vision Awards and the John.V. Christensen Memorial Award. The nomination period runs from Tuesday, February 17 through Friday, April 17. Staff will provide a verbal overview of each award category, criteria and selection process.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

[October 15, 2025](#) – Performance and Engagement Committee meeting

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

None.

For more information

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ATTACH C

Performance and Engagement Committee

Meeting date: February 18, 2026

Agenda Item #: 4

Peer Exchange Planning

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Planning discussion for the upcoming peer exchange in Seattle, WA

Background

At its July meeting, the P&E Committee directed staff to pursue a peer exchange with the Seattle region in an effort to learn new approaches for regional challenges. DRCOG staff has had productive conversations with Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) staff and they are looking forward to hosting us.

Staff will provide an update on all new developments for the May 6-8 trip and seek feedback from the Committee.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[January 21, 2026](#) – Performance and Engagement Committee

[February 19, 2025](#) – Performance and Engagement Committee

[July 16, 2025](#) - Performance and Engagement Committee

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

None.

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