

WSDOT/ACEC Structures/Geotechnical Team

MINUTES

May 16, 2025 -- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MS Teams Meeting

	Name	Organization	Present	Year Started	Outgoing
WSDOT	Evan Grimm, PE/SE	WSDOT – Bridge Office (co-chair)	x	2023	
	Katie Olleman, PE	WSDOT - Bridge Design	x	2021	
	Doug Olson, PE	WSDOT – Bridge Design	x	2022	
	Richard Brice, PE	WSDOT – Bridge Design	x	2022	
	Jeri Bernstein, PE/SE	Washington State Ferries	x	2009	
	Julie Heilman, PE	WSDOT – Hydraulic Office	--	2022	
	Andrew Fiske, PE	WSDOT – Geotechnical Office	x	2018	
	Sree Ramoju, Srikanth (Guest)	Washington State Ferries	x	--	
ACEC	Joan Zhong-Brisbois, PE/SE	Jacobs (co-chair)	x	2017	Yes
	Lee Andrews, PE/SE	HDR	x	2018	Yes (2026)
	Matt Barber, PE	WSP	x	2019	Yes
	Matt Baughman, PE/SE	COWI	x	2020	Yes
	Stan Boyle, PE	Shannon & Wilson	x	2018	Yes
	Brice Exley, PE	Haley & Aldrich	--	2019	No
	Greg Hess, PE/SE	KPFF	x	2024	No
	Yang Jiang, PE/SE	HNTB	--	2022	No
	Scott Phelan, PE/SE	Systra-IBT	x	2022	No
	Reza Sehhati, PE	TY Lin	x	2022	No
	Monique Anderson (New)	Shannon & Wilson	x	2025	No
	Tim Bailey (New)	GeoEngineers	x	2025	No
	Benjamin Parra (New)	Parsons	--	2025	No
	Cory Caywood (New)	Jacobs	--	2025	No

9:00 Review meeting agenda (5 minutes) – All

No additional agenda item proposed.

9:05 Review minutes from Mar 14 meeting (5 minutes) – All

Meeting minutes approved.

9:10 Project Highlight: Portland Telecom Bridge. (45 minutes) – Reza Sehhati and Guest Presenters Norman Smit and Kevin Almer.

Great presentation by Kevin Almeron on Lessons Learned Tilikum Crossing Bridge. He walked through the unique design challenges, special design considerations, and construction engineering of this cable-stayed bridge.

9:55 Business and ACEC Membership Changes (10 minutes) – Joan and Stan

1. Introductions from incoming members who will join this team starting September 2025. Monique Anderson as one of the new members introduced herself to the team. Welcome Monique!
2. Departing members share their highlights from their time on the committee.
Matt and Matt, Joan, Stan and Lee shared their highlights of serving on this team in the past years. These ACEC members built physical bridges and virtual bridge facilitating collaborations and knowledge-sharing. Thank you all, WSDOT and ACEC members!
3. Request volunteer(s) to take Joan/Evan places at June 5 Tacoma meeting. Reza and Rick are to represent the team on June 5th to report on the activities planned for the coming year. Thank you both!

10:10 ----- **Break (10 minutes)** -----

Standing Items

A discussion-leader to present for 5 minutes followed by 10-minute discussion.

--- ~~Standing Item: WSDOT Design/Construction Policy.~~ Yang unable to attend.

10:20 Standing Item: Technology – Topic TBD (15 minutes) – Lee Andrews
Lee shared with the team his experience of using a useful tool Quickbase. It is a no-code platform built to empower dynamic teams to solve complex problems.

10:35 ~~Standing Item: Staff Development topic Quality (15 minutes) – Jeri Bernstein~~

Sree Ramoju from Washington State Ferry presented *Sea level rise design considerations for movable bridges*.

10:50 Brainstorming Session: Next Year Topics and Agenda Items (40 minutes) – All

The team brainstormed relevant topics and areas of interest for the coming year, such as interdisciplinary communication, future market trends, WSDOT priorities, preservation, project highlights. Also proposed some changes in meeting time and location.

11:30 Final Items and Adjourn

- Summer break, proposed future meeting dates
- Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Proposed Future Meeting Dates:

September 19, 2025

November 14, 2025

January 9, 2026

March 13, 2026

May 15, 2026