

WSDOT/ACEC Structures/Geotechnical Team

MINUTES

September 19, 2025 -- 9:00 AM – 11:00 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	--	2022	
	Jeri Bernstein, PE/SE	Washington State Ferries	--	2009	
	Julie Heilman, PE	WSDOT – Hydraulic Office	--	2022	
	Andrew Fiske, PE	WSDOT – Geotechnical Office	X	2018	
	Greg Hess, PE/SE	KPFF	--	2024	No
	Lee Andrews, PE/SE	HDR	X	2018	Yes (2026)
	Brice Exley, PE	Haley & Aldrich	--	2019	No
	Yang Jiang, PE/SE	HNTB	X	2022	No
	Scott Phelan, PE/SE	Systra-IBT	X	2022	No
	Reza Sehhati, PE	TY Lin	--	2022	No
	Monique Anderson, PE	Shannon & Wilson	X	2025	No
	Tim Bailey, PE	GeoEngineers	X	2025	No
	Benjamin Parra, PE/SE	Parsons	X	2025	No
Cory Caywood, PE/SE	Jacobs	X	2025	No	

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

The agenda was agreed upon with no changes to the draft.

9:05 Review minutes from May 16 meeting (5 minutes) – All

The May 16 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as final.

9:10 Project Highlight: Carbon River and Closing a Bridge. (45 minutes) – Evan

Evan shared information about what happens within the WSDOT Bridge & Structures Office when bridges are closed or restricted. He provided recent examples and focused remarks on the SR 165 Carbon River / Fairfax bridge.

9:55 Committee Business (15 minutes) – Evan

1. Greg Hess new co-chair. Thank you to Greg for taking this role.
2. Proposed new subcommittee name “Structures/Geotechnical/Hydraulics”.

- a. How can we best engage hydraulics engineers knowing that much of the committee work relates to structures and geotechnical engineering. One idea was to provide focused hydraulics items. Every third meeting could focus more on hydraulics. That would come to 1 or 2 meetings a year.
 - b. Future ACEC team membership opportunities should include hydraulics representation from the private sector.
3. **Review Charter.** We reviewed the charter together. Revisions were proposed such as adding hydraulics (see above notes) and changing the team membership to reflect the current subcommittee. We want to find ways to advertise our subcommittee function to review and provide feedback on design projects.
4. Notes from the June 5th WSDOT/ACEC meeting. Thoughts from committee members.
5. Review and assign remaining meeting agenda items. Future month agenda items were discussed.

Standing Items

A discussion-leader to present and/or lead a short discussion.

10:10 Topic of Construction – Doug (20 minutes max) Doug presented about the wildlife crossing at I-90 near Keechelus Lake.

10:30 Topic of Technology – Tim (20 minutes max) Tim presented on Automated/Realtime Monitoring Systems.

10:50 Final Items and Adjourn

- Next meeting in person
- Adjourn

Future Meeting Dates:

November 14, 2025 10am-12pm possibly in person

January 9, 2026 9am-11am considering virtual for the rest

March 13, 2026

May 15, 2026

Action items

- Evan – send out the calendar invitations for the rest of the year
- Evan – forward may minutes to Leann for posting to website