



City of Bellevue

City Manager's Office

DATE: April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Greater Seattle Partners (GSP) Update, March 2026

Board of Directors Meeting

At its March 4 meeting, the Board of Directors of GSP:

- **Approved New Board Members.** The Board welcomed three new additions: Michael Mattmiller, Microsoft's General Manager for Washington State and Global Employee Engagement; Joe Dacca, Vice President of External Affairs at the University of Washington; and Councilmember Hannah Hedrick of the City of Tukwila.
- **Received an Organizational Update.** GSP introduced two new team members: Annie Pardo joined as Executive Administrator and Operations Manager; Jacob Pavlik joined as Economic Development Manager to support project pipeline development and the region's competitiveness for investment opportunities.
- **Reviewed Financial Updates.** The Board received a detailed overview of the revised 2026 financial forecast and adopted budget. Forecasts reflected a balanced approach to sustaining core operations.
- **Engaged in a Strategic Discussion on the Global Innovation for Humanity Forum.** The Board reviewed the strategic framework for the 2027 Global Innovation for Humanity Forum, a major initiative aligned with Seattle's role as a 2026 FIFA World Cup host city. The forum will convene approximately 1,000 global leaders across business, technology, research, government, and community sectors. Planned as a two-day event, showcasing five interconnected themes from health and sustainability to responsible AI and economic mobility. The Board discussed the multi-month planning timeline and expected funding milestones supporting an estimated \$9.8 million event budget.
- **Received Program Updates.** GSP provided updates on several programs and upcoming initiatives that included a recap of the International Leadership Mission to Delhi and Mumbai, as well as business engagements and cultural exchanges. Staff also provided an update on planning for the SelectUSA Seattle Spinoff (April 28-May 1) and an August 2026 Site Selector Familiarization Tour. Additionally, GSP is developing a high-level analysis of Seattle's space industry, working with partners including BRPH, Amazon, and Boeing to highlight emerging trends and competitive positioning.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 4. Councilmember Lynne Robinson is on the GSP Board of Directors.