

BELLINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
May 20, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Bellingham Housing Authority (“BHA”) held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 in a hybrid format. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Chair Gockley, followed by roll call. Chair Gockley declared a quorum present and the meeting opened for business.

A. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Present:

Commissioner Valerie Billmire
Commissioner Terry Bornemann
Commissioner Dave Finet
Commissioner Stephen Gockley
Commissioner Alana Pattermann

Absent & Excused:

None.

BWCHA Staff Presenters:

Lindsay Burmeister, Executive Services/HR Manager
Andrew Calkins, Executive Director
Jana Robbins, Director of Finance

Guest Presenters:

Myriah Train, Indigo Property Management

PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESIDENT INPUT

Bryce Nickel – Requests the Commission to take immediate action to ensure his reasonable accommodation request and transfer are approved without delay; Direct staff to follow federal disability rights guidance; Approve increased voucher until HUD can approve; And consider training Housing Authority personnel in accessibility and disability rights compliance.

Mary Anne Anderson – Lincoln Square – As the resident lead gardener, she is pleased with the new plans for the galvanized raised beds and dirt, though it is concerned about existing planted beds being demolished.

A. REPORTS

1. Executive Director Report: Attached to the Agenda
2. LIHTC Portfolio: Attached to the Agenda
3. BHA Q1 2025 Finance Report: Attached to the Agenda

B. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Recognition of reappointment of Commissioner Pattermann to a Second Term: Commissioner Pattermann was reappointed to the Bellingham & Whatcom County Housing Authorities Board of Commissioners for the term ending March 18, 2030.

C. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Commissioner Billmire moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Motion: Approve Cash Disbursement/Vouchers for the Month of April 2025.
Motion: Approve Minutes for the April 2025 Regular BHA Board meeting.

Commissioner Finet seconded the motion and Chair Gockley called the vote.

AYES: Commissioner Valerie Billmire
Commissioner Terry Bornemann
Commissioner Dave Finet
Commissioner Stephen Gockley
Commissioner Alana Pattermann

NAYES: None

D. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Billmire attended the PHADA conference with Executive Director Calkins in Seattle.

Commissioner Finet and Commissioner Billmire may meet with the Mayor and/or city councils to discuss development happening in the county and encourage the inclusion of Low-Income Housing in these rural areas.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Calkins

**Andrew Calkins,
Secretary/Treasurer**

ATTEST:


Valerie Billmire (Jun 18, 2025 08:48 PDT)

**Valerie Billmire,
Acting Chair, Board of Commission**

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