

BELLINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
June 17, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Bellingham Housing Authority (“BHA”) held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 in a hybrid format. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Acting Chair Billmire, followed by roll call. Acting Chair Billmire 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 **joined at 1:16pm*
Commissioner Alana Pattermann

Absent & Excused:

BWCHA Staff Presenters:

Lindsay Burmeister, Executive Services/HR Manager
Andrew Calkins, Executive Director
Tony Casale, Director of Development
Chris Longwell, Director of IT

Guest Presenters:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESIDENT INPUT

None

B. REPORTS

1. Executive Director Report: Attached to the Agenda
2. Development Report: Attached to the Agenda
3. Bi-annual IT Report: Attached to the Agenda

C. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

None

D. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Motion: Approve Cash Disbursement/Vouchers for the Month of May 2025.

Motion: Approve Minutes for the May 2025 Regular BHA Board meeting.

Commissioner Bornemann seconded the motion and Acting Chair Billmire called the vote.

AYES:

Commissioner Valerie Billmire
Commissioner Terry Bornemann
Commissioner Dave Finet

Commissioner Stephen Gockley
Commissioner Alana Pattermann

NAYES: None

E. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Bornemann brought forward an article from the Seattle Times regarding the Affordable Housing Crisis in Seattle.

[Seattle's affordable housing industry is in crisis. City faces tough choices | The Seattle Times](#)

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;

And pursuant to RCW.42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications and performance of a public employee at 2pm; Acting Chair Billmire announced that the Executive Session would conclude at 3:15pm.

No official action took place during the executive session.

Executive session adjourned at 3:17pm and Public Session was re-opened.

Commissioner Bornemann called a motion to award Executive Director Andrew Calkins a three-step salary increase, effective July 1, 2025, in recognition of his exemplary performance during his first year of service.

Commissioner Finet seconded the motion and Acting Chair Billmire called the vote.

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

NAYES: None

The Board commended Mr. Calkins for a highly successful first year marked by strong leadership, innovation, and a commitment to operational excellence. Since joining BWCHA in June 2024, Mr. Calkins has made significant and immediate contributions to the organization. His accessibility, problem-solving ability, and steady leadership have strengthened the agency's capacity to serve the community effectively. The Board expressed strong confidence in Mr. Calkins' continued leadership and looks forward to the year ahead.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Calkins

**Andrew Calkins,
Secretary/Treasurer**

ATTEST:

Stephen Gockley

Stephen Gockley (Jul 15, 2025 15:59 PDT)

**Stephen Gockley,
Chair, Board of Commission**

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Final Audit Report

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