

WHATCOM COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
September 16, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Housing Authority (“WCHA”) held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 in a hybrid format. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 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 Dave Finet
Commissioner Stephen Gockley
Commissioner Alana Pattermann

Absent & Excused:

Commissioner Terry Bornemann

BWCHA Staff Presenters:

Lindsay Burmeister, Executive Services/HR Manager
Andrew Calkins, Executive Director
Tony Casale, Director of Development
Kate Donnelly, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Grichel, Housing Programs Manager

Guest Presenters:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESIDENT INPUT

None

B. REPORTS

1. WCHA Quarterly Financial Report: Attached to the Agenda

AT 1:11PM, THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS RECESSED AND CHAIR GOCKLEY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING OF INTENT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 820, FY 2026 WCHA PHA PLAN

Chief Operating Officer Kate Donnelly provided an overview of the WCHA PHA Plan.

Public Comment and Resident Input:

- None

AT 1:15PM, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 820, FY 2026 WCHA PHA PLAN WAS ADJOURNED.

C. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approve Fiscal Year 2026 WCHA Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan

Approve Resolution 820

Commissioner Billmire moved to approve the motion

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

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

2. Resolution 821: Approve WCHA Public Housing 2025-2029 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan

Development Director Tony Casale requested to move resolution 821 to the October 2025 Agenda for approval following a public hearing.

Commissioner Finet made a motion to set the public hearing date for WCHA Public Housing 2025-2029 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan on Tuesday, October 21st.

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

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

3. Approve Fiscal Year 2026 WCHA Public Housing Utility Allowance and Flat Rent Schedule

Chief Operating Officer Kate Donnelly provided an overview of resolution 822.

Approve Resolution 822

Commissioner Billmire moved to approve the motion

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

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

4. Approve Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair (November 2025 - October 2026)

Commissioner Finet nominated Stephen Gockley for Chair and Valerie Billmire for Vice Chair.

D. CONSENT

Commissioner Pattermann moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

Motion: Approve Minutes for the August 2025 Regular WCHA Board meeting

Motion: Approve BOC Meetings Calendar (January 2026 – December 2026)

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

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

NAYES: None

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Calkins

Andrew Calkins
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST:

Stephen Gockley
[Stephen Gockley \(Oct 21, 2025 16:13:35 PDT\)](#)

Stephen Gockley
Chair, Board of Commission

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