WHATCOM COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Housing Authority ("WCHA") held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 in a hybrid format. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 Stephen Gockley Commissioner Steven Price 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 Steve Grichel, Housing Programs Manager Robyn Weber, Affordable Housing Programs Manager
Guest Presenters:	None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESIDENT INPUT

Deanna Vitt, BHA Employee, Union Representative – Membership presented petition to board in June. Believes they are still experiencing disregard for their rights with regards to salary study. Section 25.4 of CBA requires that the salary study is a joint process. Feels that the employer has established a pattern of failing to engage with the Union.

Ty Vogel, BHA Employee, Union Chapter President – COO no longer with the Housing Authority. No continuity plan has been announced. Asking for a neutral third-party investigation into the Executive Director's conduct at all levels of the staff.

B. REPORTS

None

C. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review Proposed Revisions to the WCHA PHA Plan (Link to doc)
   Robyn Weber, Affordable Housing Programs Manager, presented the proposed revisions to the WCHA PHA Plan.
2. Review WCHA Public Housing Draft 5-year Action Plan for Capital Fund Grant Program 2026 – 2030 – Attached to the Agenda

Tony Casale, Director of Development, provided a draft 5-year Action Plan for the Capital Fund Grant Program 2026 – 2030.

D. CONSENT

Commissioner Price moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Motion: Approve Cash Disbursements/Vouchers for the months of June 2026 and July 2026

Motion: Approve Minutes for the month of June 2026 Regular Board meeting

Motion: Set public hearing date for FY 2027 WCHA Agency Plan for Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Motion: Set public hearing date for WCHA Capital Fund 5-year Action Plan for Tuesday, September 15, 2026

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

AYES:	Commissioner Valerie Billmire Commissioner Stephen Gockley Commissioner Steven Price Commissioner Alana Pattermann
NAYES:	None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Calkins

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Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST:

Stephen Gockley
Stephen Gockley (Sep 15, 2026 17:35:39 PDT)

Stephen Gockley
Chair, Board of Commission

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