



**WSW Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025
4:00 p.m.
WSW Office – Mt. Rainier Board Room**

Board Members Present: Corey Balkan, Max Booth, Monte Constable, Tracy Doriot, Corie Dow-Kramer, Karin Edwards, Corey Giles, Elizabeth Gubrud-Howe, Dustin Hysmith, Matt Seimears, A.D. Simmons, Adam Stein, Mark Tishenko, Jasmine Tolbert, and John Vanderkin.

Board Members with Absences: Adam Blackwell, Mike Bridges, Commissioner Ferrell, Councilor Fuentes, Mandy Kipfer, Ed Nicholson, Ebony Price, Bill Sauters, Ted Sprague, Paige Spratt, Commissioner Tischer, Joe Vansyckle, and Nathan Webster.

Guests Present: Mike Vezzola, Alison Lawderdale, Nikki Chen, Liza Morehead, Michelle McClanahan, Andy Dwonich, Renny Christopher, and Chad Sellers.

Staff Members Present: Mando Antonino, Jim Ashley-Walker, Barri Blair, Marnie Farness, Miriam Halliday, Joseph Tijerina, Darcy Hoffman, Alyssa Joyner, Lyn Love, Sean Moore, Traci Williams, and Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez.

Welcome, Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff

Chair A.D. Simmons opened the meeting at 4:09 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on September 9, 2025, Contract Memo, Policy Memo; which included WSW Monitoring Policy #2003-8, WSW One-Stop Operator Policy #4011-1, Stevens Amendment Funding Disclosure Requirement Policy #1027-2, WSW EcSA – Eligibility Policy #3501-3, and WSW Determining Basic Skills Deficiency Policy #3045.

Jasmine Tolbert moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Corey Balkan. Motion carried.

REMEMBERING NICK MASSIE, WSW BOARD of DIRECTOR

WSW Board Member, Tracy Doriot gave a tribute to former WSW Board Member, Nick Massie, which acknowledged his dedication to his community and to the WSW Board of Directors.

FINANCE

Treasurer, Monte Constable went over the Treasurer's Memo with the Full Board and gave high level updates. WSW's Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez shared the potential funding updates with the Full Board. Board member Elizabeth Gubrud- Howe has been appointed to the Finance Committee.

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WSW Chief Financial Officer, Barri Blair, recapped the necessary budget revisions for the second half of the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2026. Following the presentation, questions were answered by CFO Blair and CEO Halliday.

Corey Balkan moved to approve the PY25 budget revision as presented, second by John Vanderkin. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR + JOB QUALITY COMMITTEE

WSW'S Director of Programs, Marnie Farness gave an update on the Community Connector committee's first meeting and next steps. WSW's Board Member, Dusting Hysmith gave an update on the Job Quality committee's first meeting and next steps.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Governance Committee member Tracy Doriot gave an update on the current open board seats and asked the board to seek new applicants to apply. Governance Committee member A.D. Simmons and CEO Halliday gave recognition to outgoing Board member Renny Christopher and thanked them for their long-standing commitment to the WSW Board.

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION – SPOTLIGHTS of SUCCESS WSW TEAM + GUESTS

Worksystem's Research and Data Analyst, Liza Morehead, PhD gave a presentation to the WSW Board on the State of the Workforce data that highlights Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties. Questions and comments were addressed by Liza Morehead and CEO Halliday. WSW's Sean Moore and Nikki Chen with the City of Vancouver gave a presentation on the work that the City of Vancouver has been doing with the Chuukese community and the goal going forward for 2026. Questions and comments were addressed by Nikki Chen and Sean Moore.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited but none were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Simmons entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Jasmine Tolbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.