

United Way of Whatcom County
Executive Committee
February 20, 2025 – 4:00 pm
Video Conference Call Meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Updates from President/CEO
4. Other Business

Attachments:

- Minutes from the previous meeting

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January 16, 2025 – 4:00 PM

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendees: Doug Montgomery (Vice-Chair), Jason Sears

Staff/Other Attendees: Kristi Birkeland (President/CEO), Mike Weinstein

Did Not Attend: Natalie Boatman (Chair)

1. Welcome

Kristi Birkeland, President/CEO, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Birkeland asked all present to review the minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting. No corrections noted. The November 2024 minutes stand approved as presented.

3. Updates from President/CEO

The Community Impact Committee met last week to review the 2025 grant making process. The common application with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Government is due tomorrow, January 17th. Staff will complete an initial review of the applications for Phase 1 of the process. Organizations that move forward to Phase 2 will be asked to complete the addendum application questions and requirements. This year's process will also see the return of volunteer panel reviews and in-person presentations by the applicants.

The federal grant opportunity pursued by United Ways of the Pacific Northwest (UWPNW) was not approved. Both UWPNW and UWWC will continue to explore similar opportunities when they become available.

Spencer Palmer's new board member orientation has been completed. Palmer will follow up with Birkeland about which committee he would like to join.

The final payment of the recent Washington State Commerce Childcare grant should be received soon. Meredith Hayes has been invited to join the January 2025 board meeting to provide an update.

4. Review Draft January 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

The Committee reviewed the Board meeting agenda for January 23, 2025, and no changes to the agenda were made.

5. Other Business

The Committee briefly discussed the 2025 Board Retreat. Birkeland will propose a potential plan during the January 2025 Board meeting.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The next meeting will be on February 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM immediately following the Finance meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.