

United Way of Whatcom County  
**Executive Committee**  
January 15, 2026 – 5:30 pm  
Video Conference Call Meeting

**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Updates from President/CEO
4. Review Draft January 2026 Board Meeting Agenda
5. Other Business

**Attachments:**

- October 2025 Minutes
- November 2025 Minutes
- DRAFT January 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

United Way of Whatcom County  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
Video Conference Call  
October 16, 2025 – 5:00 PM

**DRAFT – Meeting Minutes**

Committee Attendees: Natalie Boatman (Chair) and Jason Sears

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

Did Not Attend: N/A

1. Welcome

Natalie Boatman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Boatman asked all present to review the minutes from the May 29, 2025 meeting. No corrections offered.

3. **MSA: Boatman/Sears: Approve May 2025 minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

4. Updates from President/CEO

Kristi Birkeland shared that two candidates for the Board of Directors have been nominated. Birkeland has met with both individuals to discuss UWWC's mission and the expectations as a board member. Both are expected to be presented for election to the Board of Directors soon.

Birkeland also noted the need to add to the Finance Committee now that Doug Montgomery has rolled off the Board.

Finally, Birkeland shared that UWWC will not have an open grant application window in Spring 2026. The awards made in 2025 were two-year grants so partner agencies will complete the Year-End report as usual.

5. Other Business

The Committee rescheduled the meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

United Way of Whatcom County  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
Video Conference Call  
November 13, 2025 – 5:30 PM

**DRAFT – Meeting Minutes**

Committee Attendees: Natalie Boatman (Chair) and Jason Sears

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

Did Not Attend: N/A

1. Welcome

Natalie Boatman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The October 2025 meeting minutes will be included in the next meeting packet for acceptance into the record.

3. Updates from President/CEO

Kristi Birkeland shared that Adrienne Czebator resigned from the Board of Directors.

The Committee discussed a new board candidate, Chandra Troxell, and will be presented by e-vote for election to the Board of Directors.

4. Other Business

Birkeland shared that the Whatcom Community Foundation (WCF) is finalizing an agreement with WA Fed through the property management company, Spark, to move their offices into the empty WA Fed office space on the second floor. In a corresponding move, Chuckanut Health Foundation (CHF) will expand into the old WCF office space. While this changes the footprint of the Whatcom Center for Philanthropy in the building, Birkeland made it clear to the leadership for WCF and CHF that UWWC was not interested in taking on additional expenses.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

United Way of Whatcom County  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
 January 22, 2026 – 3:00 PM  
 Whatcom Center for Philanthropy

**DRAFT Agenda**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>In Packet</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mins</b>
1. Welcome and Call to Order			Jason Sears	3:00	
2. Mission Moment – National ALICE Summit	Discussion	No	Kristi Birkeland	3:00	20
3. UWWC Staff Transition	Discussion	No	Kristi Birkeland	3:20	15
4. New Board Member Election – Tony Cotton	Proposal	Yes	Jason Sears	3:35	5
5. FY 2026 Campaign Update	Discussion	No	UWWC Staff	3:40	10
6. Fund Development Team Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Events – Golf, no Cornhole, No Pickleball</li> </ul>	Discussion	No	Patty Boyce	3:50	15
7. 2026 Grants and Year End Reports	Discussion	No	Patty Boyce	4:05	5
8. Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Motion to “Approve the October 2025 Consent Agenda as presented.”</li> </ul>	Proposal	Yes	Jason Sears	4:10	1
9. Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Board meeting will be virtual Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM</li> </ul>					

Attachments:

- Board Candidate Nomination – Tony Cotton
- Board Membership Questionnaire – Tony Cotton

Consent Agenda:

- October 2025 Meeting Minutes
- October 2025 Financial Report
- MEMO New Board Member Election
- MEMO FY2025 UWWC Audited Financial Statements
- MEMO Website Update Project 2026