

United Way of Whatcom County  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
 October 23, 2025 – 3:00 PM  
 Whatcom Center for Philanthropy

## Agenda

Agenda Item	Type	In Packet	Presenter	Time	Mins
1. Welcome and Call to Order			Natalie Boatman	3:00	
2. Mission Moment	ALICE at Work	No	Kristi Birkeland Courtney	3:00	20
3. FY 2025 Audit Presentation	Discussion	Yes	Greenwood Ohlund Kristi Birkeland	3:20	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Motion to “Approve Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report as presented.”</li> <li>• IRS Form 990 Extension</li> </ul>					
4. New Board Member Election	Proposal	Yes	Natalie Boatman	3:35	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Motion to “Elect Chandra Troxell to the Board of Directors as presented.”</li> </ul>					
5. FY 2026 Campaign Update	Discussion	No	UWWC Staff	3:50	10
6. Fund Development Team Update	Discussion	No	LaVonne Olsen Patricia Boyce	4:00	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Events</li> </ul>					
7. 2026 Grant Process	Discussion	No		4:15	5
8. Consent Agenda	Proposal	Yes	Natalie Boatman	4:20	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Motion to “Approve the October 2025 Consent Agenda as presented.”</li> </ul>					
9. Other Business					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Board meeting will be in person on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM</li> </ul>					

Attachments:

- FY2025 Audited Financial Statements – Posted Separately
- Board Candidate Nomination Form and Questionnaire – Chandra Troxell

Consent Agenda:

- September 2025 Meeting Minutes



## UWWC BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

1. Your name: Kristi Birkeland

2. Recommended Candidate

**Name** Chandra Troxell

**Title** Controller

**Organization** Mills Electric

**Email** chandra.troxell@millselectric.com

**Phone** (360) 201-6287

3. Why do you think this person would be a good fit for our board?

Chandra has been a longtime United Way donor and volunteer. She participated in our fund allocation process multiple times and has the United Way efforts at her workplace for many years. Chandra is a fun and practical get it done person with a big heart for community. Her love for United Way combined with her positive energy and eye for finance will make a great addition to our Board of Directors.

4. Have you spoken with the candidate about serving on the UWWC Board?  
If yes, what questions/considerations should we know about?

We have talked with Chandra about this and she is excited to join our group. Chandra is very busy but also very committed so I don't foresee any concerns.



**UNITED WAY**  
Whatcom County

## **United Way Board Membership Questionnaire**

Why are you interested in joining our Board?

*I have always been an advocate for United Way and have been in charge of our companies campaigns for decades. I have also been on the funds distribution panel. I want to continue to assist United Way in helping our community.*

What inspires you about United Way's work?

*Working on meeting real needs in our community for education, housing and stability is something that I feel United Way is doing well.*

Do you have experience on other Boards, with events, and/or in fundraising?

*I plan our company events (parties of up to 250 people) & run our company United Way fundraising*

Please add a brief professional bio (1 – 3 sentences).

*I am a Bellingham local and received associates in Paralegal studies from Whatcom Community College in 1999.*

*Bachelor in Accounting from WWU in 2004.*

*Master in Professional Accounting from Eastern in 2023.*

*Strategic Artificial Intelligence Program in 2024 from Central.*

*Worked for Mills Electric for the past 21 years.*