



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
February 9, 2023**

Annual Business Meeting

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Daniel Dahlquist, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen
6 Jackson, Kimberley Lund, Dominic Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 **Absent:** Julie Jefferson

8 **Staff Present:** Steve Roberge and Tammy Axlund

9 **Department Update**

10 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),
11 provided an overview and expressed appreciation for the Commission's 2022
12 accomplishments. He stated that the topic for the next meeting is Wind Energy. We
13 have a recommendation from the Climate Committee.

14 Commissioner Hansen thanked staff for presenting information in a timely and
15 coherent fashion so the Commissioners were able to make a lot of decisions.

16 **Open Session Public Comment**

17 There were no attendees for public comment.

18 **Commissioner Comments**

19 Commissioner Barton introduced new Planning Commissioner, Daniel Dahlquist and
20 invited him to share a little bit about himself.

21 Commissioner Dahlquist provided some background information on himself.

22 Commissioner Deshmane welcomed Commissioner Dahlquist and offered support for
23 questions that arise as he learns about the Commission.

24 Commissioner Lund welcomed Commissioner Dahlquist and advised she is having
25 technical difficulties this evening.

26 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

27 **Timestamp: 08:12**

28 **Commissioner Van Dalen moved** to approve the meeting minutes from January 26,
29 2023.

30 **Commissioner Mocerri seconded.**

31 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson,**
32 **Jefferson, Mocerri, Van Dalen; Abstain-Lund; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The**
33 **motion carried.**

34 **Annual Business Meeting**

35 **Timestamp: 09:21**

36 **Election of Officers**

37 The Chair opened the business meeting with the election of officers.

38 **Commissioner Deshmane nominated** Commissioner Barton for Chair

39 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**



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1 Commissioner Barton expressed honor at being nominated and shared his appreciation
2 for how the Commission works together, respects, and listens to each other.

3 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**
4 **Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

5 **Timestamp: 12:47**

6 **Commissioner Barton nominated** Commissioner Lund for Vice Chair.

7 **Commissioner Hanson seconded.**

8 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**
9 **Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

10 Business Rule Amendments

11 **Timestamp: 14:06**

12 The secretary provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Business
13 Rules including formatting and typographical edits that didn't make it into the agenda
14 packet. Commissioners made additional recommendations and agreed to the following
15 items by consensus:

- 16 • Move items 1.6 through 1.9 to Article II, by inserting them at 2.2 and adjusting
17 the numbers accordingly.
- 18 • Add "/work sessions" to Article III.3.2.i.
- 19 • Remove the last sentence (This presentation shall be limited to 15 minutes,
20 which includes rebuttal time.) from Article IV.C.
- 21 • Remove the time limit from the staff presentation in Article IV.E.iv.
- 22 • Add to Article IV.J: "When more than 50 people have signed up, the chair may
23 at his/her discretion reduce the time limit for each speaker to 2 minutes."
- 24 • Remove "findings of fact" and "and their addresses" from Article V.6.2.B.

25 A draft copy of the Business Rules is attached, showing all changes that were not
26 included in the initial meeting materials.

27 **Timestamp: 53:51**

28 **Commissioner Lund moved** to accept the Business Rules as amended and discussed
29 this evening.

30 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

31 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**
32 **Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

33 Other Comments or Concerns

34 None

35 **Adjournment**

36 The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

37 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

38 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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40 Kelvin Barton, Chair



Tammy Axlund, Secretary