

Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee
February 10, 2025
11a – 12:30p

In-person option details	Remote option details
Port of Bellingham 1801 Roeder Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225 Mt Baker Conference Room, 2 nd floor	Join Zoom meeting (click to enter) Meeting ID: 882 8814 8379 Passcode: Join25 Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 720 707 2699 US (Denver) Find your local number: Find your local number: https://portofbellingham.zoom.us/j/kuIxyc59V

Agenda:

Call to order

Roll call of members – Tyler Schroeder

Minutes approval – January

Discussion

Casey Diggs, WCBCC Chair

- Welcome New Members: Troy Lautenbach (other, for-profit); Heather Powell (childcare); Kevin Menard (recreation)
- Committee Vacancies: Vice Chair, Agriculture

Whatcom County Economic Overview: Affordability + Employment

Dr. Hart Hodges, Ph.D., Center for Economic and Business Research, Western Washington University (10 mins)

Q&A (10 mins)

Feedback on 2025 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan: Economics Chapter

Matt Aamot, Whatcom County Senior Planner (10 mins)

Q&A (10 mins)

Review AGC & Lummi Indian Business Council Letters to Whatcom County Council Related to Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) + Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Proposed Ordinance

Pete Dawson, CEO of Dawson Construction + Lance Calloway, AGC Northern District Manager (10 mins)

Q&A (5 mins)

WCBCC Subcommittee updates

Whatcom County Councilmember Mark Stremmer

Housing –Chair Dan Dunne

Water/Fish – Co-Chairs Paul Burrill, Dana Wilson, and John Huntley

Policy – Co-Chairs Casey Diggs and Pam Brady

Transportation – Co-Chairs Sarah Rothenbuhler and Paul Burrill

Workforce – Co-Chairs CJ Seitz and Kori Olsen

Introductory items

Open session to take public comment on local business issues (2 minutes per person)

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 17, 2025

Hybrid Meeting - In-person encouraged and Zoom option available