Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee Monday, September 15, 2025 11a – 12:30p

In-person option details	Remote option details
Port of Bellingham 1801 Roeder Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225	Join Zoom meeting (click to enter) Meeting ID: 873 6839 9665 Passcode: Join25
Mt Baker Conference Room, 2 nd floor	Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 720 707 2699 US (Denver)
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Agenda:

Call to order
Roll call of members – Tyler Schroeder
Minutes approval – August

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Schedule Update,

Jennifer Noveck, Ph.D. (10 mins)

Q&A (5 mins)

City of Bellingham Budget Planning Process + Proposed Increase in Sales Tax,

City of Bellingham Deputy Administrator Forrest Longman (20 mins)

Q&A (10 mins)

Whatcom County Sales Tax Collections + Budget Sheets

Whatcom County Deputy Executive Aly Pennucci + Whatcom County Finance Director Randy Rydel (20 mins) **Q&A** (10 mins)

Introductory items

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

WCBCC Subcommittee updates

Whatcom County Councilmember Mark Stremler

Housing - Co-Chairs Troy Muljat and Dan Dunne

Water/Fish/Ag - Co-Chairs Paul Burrill, Dana Wilson, Brad Rader, 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

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025

Hybrid Meeting - In-person encouraged and Zoom option available