

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT
THURSDAY, June 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Dunham Gooding, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Dunham Gooding (President), Bruce Tabb, Loraine Boland, Mark Asmundson, and Sati Mookherjee.

City Staff Present: Andrew Asbjornsen, Tara Sundin, and Heather Aven

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No testimony given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dunham Gooding moved and Mark Asmundson seconded approval of April 16, 2026 minutes.

VOTE: ALL AYES (Motion passes 5-0)

BUSINESS

1. Administration and Financial Reports:

Andrew Asbjornson provided an overview of the sales tax revenue for the past three years, highlighting flat revenue trends, a positive start to the current year, and the impact of debt refinancing on the PFD's financial position.

He also reviewed the budget and shared that through the first quarter, actual revenue was at \$935,000, aligning with budget expectations and showing improvement over prior years. He noted that the first quarter revenues totaled \$591,939, with expenses at \$321,465, yielding a net positive difference of \$270,475, positioning the PFD well for future financial moves.

MOTION: Mark Asmundson moved to authorize expenditures for the first quarter of 2026 in the amount of \$321,465.00. Bruce Tabb seconded. VOTE: ALL AYES (Motion passes 5-0).

2. Education Series Presentation

Tara Sundin and Darby Galligan provided an overview for Downtown, Old Town, and the Waterfront District. They detailed their boundaries, population, housing, jobs, and civic assets, and discussed the comprehensive plan's emphasis on city center growth and investment. They spoke to different incentives that are offered in the city center districts; as well as the Downtown revitalization efforts and the redevelopment vision for Old Town and the Waterfront District.

They shared the boundaries of the existing Arts District and highlighted the cultural assets, connections, and ongoing placemaking projects. She also discussed opportunities for further exploration of arts and culture strategies in future meetings. They also introduced the members to the Urban Village Dashboard and explained the kind of information they can find there.

Tim Hohmann shared some of the reasons for developing the Downtown Connections Plan and noted that the work will start in the summer of 2026 with community outreach and continue for about 18 months.

For the Good of the Order and Announcements:

There was interest by the members to have more information come to them on the following topics:

- Tourism / Visit Bellingham
- Downtown Forward
- Creative Districts
- Mayor's Executive Order

Due to lack of availability the previously agreed on meeting date of July 18th was cancelled with the next regular meeting occurring on August 20, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Dunham Gooding adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Aven, Administrative Supervisor

Final Minutes Approved:

Dunham Gooding, President