

BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR WHATCOM COUNTY

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1:00 p.m.

DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Bliss, Constance Ohana, Chris Moench, and Gurdeep Bains (virtual via Zoom).

STAFF: Greg Greenan, Counsel, Lethal Coe, Chief Clerk of the Board and Emily Moran, Clerk.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Bill Bliss, Chair, called the Special Meeting of the Boundary Review Board for Whatcom County to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were present. Clerks and the Board welcomed a new board member, Gurdeep Bains, who was recently appointed by the Small Cities Mayors group.

REVIEW / REVISE AGENDA

No revisions were suggested.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 5th, 2026 MEETING

No revisions were suggested. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the March 5th, 2026 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

CONSIDER EXTENSION REQUEST FOR BRB FILE # 2025-02

The Board reviewed the joint letter received from the City of Blaine and Whatcom County, which requested an extension to the 120 day review period. Board members discussed and noted a preference for allowing the parties to finish their direct negotiations before scheduling a hearing. The Board moved to grant the 120-day extension request. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The review deadline for BRB file # 2025-02 was extended an additional 120 days to September 23rd, 2026.

Based on the approval of the extension request, the Board also moved, seconded, and approved the postponing of the previously scheduled May 14th hearing.

Staff and Counsel noted that the Board's regular July meeting would provide timely opportunity to schedule a September public hearing for BRB # 2025-02, in the case that the parties have not come to an agreement by then.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bliss raised the topic of the Board's process around public comments received. The Board and staff discussed a response to a public comment received. Clerks will draft an informational response and Counsel will review it.

ADJOURN

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Prepared and submitted by Emily Moran, Clerk.

Lethal Coe, Chief Clerk of the Board

Date

Bill Bliss, Board Chair

Date