



## **Commission Meeting Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

April 17, 2025

Evergreen State College – Evans Event Hall  
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia, WA 98505

Commissioners: Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, Michael Latimer, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Scott Merriman and Sophia Danenberg  
Director: Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission meeting in-person on April 17, 2025. Please note that this is a hybrid meeting, you are welcome to attend in-person or online. We ask for patience as we navigate these hybrid meetings and want to remind you that attending in-person will be the most reliable option at this time.

You may participate remotely by listening and/or watching using the following link:

### **Watch the meeting on TVW:**

<https://tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2025041020>

**Time:** Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

**Order of Presentation:** In general, each agenda item will include a presentation followed by Commission discussion and then public comment. The Commission makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda.

### **In-Person Public Comment:**

We will be accepting in-person oral public comment at the meeting. If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff at the sign in table. The Chair will call you up to the front at the appropriate time.

### **Virtual Public Comment:**

Virtual public comment will be accepted for our public meeting. To provide virtual comment you will need to be able to join the Attendee Web link from your computer (no phone option available). **Pre-registration is required.** To register email [commission@parks.wa.gov](mailto:commission@parks.wa.gov) by 5 pm on April 11. Please provide the name you will be logging in under, contact phone number as well as the agenda item or general topic you will be speaking on. You will receive an email by noon on April 14 with specific instructions around virtual testimony.

### **Written Public Comment:**

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on April 11 by email or mail. Any comments received after the cutoff will be given to the commission before its next meeting.

Email: [Commission@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Commission@parks.wa.gov)

Mail: WSPRC, Attn: Becki Ellison, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.

You can find the agenda, agenda items and presentations on our website.

<https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/parks-commission/commission-meetings-agendas>

The meeting minutes and recording will be loaded within one week after the meeting.

- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER** – Laurie Connelly, Commission Chair
- Flag Salute
  - Call of the Roll
  - Introduction of Staff
  - Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement
    - We respect and affirm tribal sovereignty and honor indigenous peoples whose traditional lands we occupy. The State Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to working with all Tribes to help preserve and restore a healthy natural environment for future generations.
  - Recognition of State, Tribal and Local Officials
    - Evergreen State College President John Carmichael
  - Changes to the Agenda
    - Approval of the Agenda
  - Logistics
  - Approval of minutes of previous meetings
    - January 29, 30, 2025 – Work Session/Commission Meeting, Olympia
    - March 19, 2025 – Work Session - Virtual
- 9:10 a.m. VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – *general public comment and items on the agenda*
- 9:25 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Items not on the agenda*
- In-person public comments only
- 9:40 a.m. PRE-ARRANGED SPEAKERS**
- Jim VanLobenSels – MS2000
- 9:50 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
- 10:15 a.m. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Real Estate
  - Legislative
  - Budget
  - Executive
- 10:30 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT**
- 10:45 a.m. RECOGNITION**
- Gold Stars
  - Good Samaritan Award
  - Service Pins

- Mark Harris, 30 years state and parks service

**11:05 a.m. BREAK**

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**11:20 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-1: Headquarters Lease

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize a five-year lease for office, storage, and warehouse space located in the Department of Ecology building for Parks' headquarters relocation.

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**11:40 a.m. REPORT**

Item E-2: Financial Update

This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue, 3) Governor's recently proposed Operating and Capital budgets.

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**12:30 p.m. LUNCH**

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**1:00 p.m. REPORT**

Item E-3: Legislative Update

This item provides the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission with an overview and update of the 2025 legislative session.

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**1:40 p.m. DISCUSSION**

Current Budget Outlook

This discussion will provide the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission with an update on proposed budgets for the agency.

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**2:40 p.m. DISCUSSION**

Westport Golf Update

This discussion will provide the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission with an update on the City of Westport's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the proposal for a golf course at Westport Light State Park.

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**4:00 p.m. ADJOURN**

A recording is retained by WSPRC as the formal record of meeting. The recording is accessible on the park's website approximately one week after the meeting - <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/parks-commission/commission-meetings-agendas>

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