



**MINUTES:**

**Approved July 17, 2025**

**Commission Work Session Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

May 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Virtual/WSPRC HQ, 300 Desmond Dr Se, Lacey, WA 98503

**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 work session virtually on May 21, 2025. Please note that this is an online meeting. We will be providing a meeting space for the public to watch at the WSPRC HQ, 300 Desmond Dr SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Staff/commissioners will be attending virtually.

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**Public Comment:** The public is invited to attend, but no verbal public comment will be taken at this meeting.

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

**9:01 a.m. CALL TO ORDER** – Holly Williams, Vice Chair

- Call of the Roll
  - Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, Michael Latimer, Sophia Danenberg, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos and Scott Merriman
- Introduction of Staff
  - Director Diana Dupuis; Deputy Director Mike Sternback; Executive Assistant Becki Ellison; Business Support Services Division Director Laura Holmes; Workforce, Technology and Equity Division Director Amber Erdahl; Legislative Relations and Public Affairs Division Director

Brian Considine; Operations Director Jon Crimmins; Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz; Communications Director Clare DeLong Tuminez; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director Janette Chien.

- Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
  - 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.
- Changes to agenda
  - Remove staff reports and executive session
- Logistics

**9:05 a.m. 2023-25 FINANCIAL UPDATE** – Laura Holmes, Business Support Services Director

- This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, and 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue.

**9:20 a.m. 2025-27 BUDGET OUTLOOK** – Laura Holmes, Business Support Services Director

- This item provides the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission 1) the status and overview of the 2025-27 biennial operating and capital budgets and 2) current revenue projections for 2025-27.

**10:17 a.m. BREAK**

**10:30 a.m. 2026 OPERATING SUPPLEMENTAL** – Laura Holmes, Business Support Services Director and Van Church, Budget Director

- This item provides the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission the plan for the 2026 Supplemental Operating budget request.

**10:40 a.m. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Brian Considine, Legislative Relations and Public Affairs Director

**11:00 a.m. COMMISSION PRIORITIES** – Diana Dupuis, Director and Commissioners

~~**12:10 p.m. STAFF UPDATES**~~

~~**12:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *If needed*~~

**11:38 a.m. ADJOURN**

*Submitted by Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant*

*May 21, 2025*

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