# Commission Meeting Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

January 29, 2026
Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Dr SE, Lacey, WA 98503

**Commissioners:** Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, 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 January 29, 2026. 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 is the most reliable option.

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**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 by 5 pm on January 23. 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 January 26 with specific instructions around virtual testimony.

**Written Public Comment:**
Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on January 23 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
Mail: WSPRC, Attn: Becki Ellison, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.

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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
  - Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Sophia Danenberg 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; External & Legislative Relations Director Brian Considine**;** Operations Director Jon Crimmins; Parks Development Director Heather Saunders; and Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz.
- Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- 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 Recognition of State, Tribal and Local Officials
- Changes to the Agenda
  - Approval of the Agenda
- Logistics
- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
  - October 15,16, 2026 – Work Session/Commission Meeting, Olympia
  - November 19, 2026 – Commission Meeting - Virtual
  - December 9,10, 2026 – Planning Meeting, Olympia

**9:10 a.m.** **VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – *general public comment and items on the agenda (any comments regarding Westport Light State Park will be taken with the agenda item at 2:30 p.m.)*

**9:20 a.m.** **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS –** *Items not on the agenda*

- In-person public comments only

**9:35 a.m.** **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**10:15 a.m.** **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Real Estate

- Legislative
- Budget
- Executive

**10:30 a.m. BREAK**

**10:40 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT**

**10:55 a.m. RECOGNITION**

- Gold Stars
- Service Pins
  - Sarah Yearout – 35 years state
  - Jeff Vassallo – 30 years state and parks

**11:10 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-1: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt the Commission's Rules of Procedure document for implementation.

**11:20 a.m. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Election of Officers for 2026
  - Election of Chair and Vice Chair
  - Transfer of the gavel to the 2026 Commission Chair
  - Recognition of 2025 Commission Chair Laurie Connelly
  - Commission Committee Assignments

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**12:00 p.m. LUNCH**

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**12:45 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-2: 2026 Director's Performance Evaluation
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt the 2026 Director's Performance Agreement which includes the previously approved 2025-2027 Commission Priorities. This will document their conclusion that the Director performed satisfactorily in 2025, and that a meaningful evaluation process was used to reach this conclusion.

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**1:00 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-3: Saint Edward State Park—Letter of Agreement to Subdivide
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to delegate to the Director authority to approve a Letter of Agreement to Subdivide the parcel leased by the Lodge at Saint Edward Park, LLC into a three-lot short plat subdivision

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**1:30 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-4: 2027-2029 Grant Requests

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve a list of acquisition, development, and restoration grants to be applied for through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

## 2:15 p.m. BREAK

## 2:30 p.m. DISCUSSION

Westport Golf LLC Proposal Update

This discussion will update the Commission regarding the status of the proposed Westport golf course.

To submit written public comments, please submit through the online planning page at Public Comment | Washington State Parks

## 4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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