



**MINUTES:**

**Approved January 29, 2026**

**Work Session Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

November 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 November 19, 2025. Please note that this is an online meeting. We will be providing a meeting space for the public to watch at the WSPRCHQ, 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.

**9:00 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; Parks Development Director Heather Saunders; Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz; Communications Director Clare DeLong Tuminez; and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Janette Chien.

- Assistant Attorney General Joe Panesko
- 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 – *Executive Session not needed*
- Logistics

**9:04 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) 2025-2027 biennium operating and capital budget, and 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue.

**9:22 a.m. SAINT EDWARD STATE PARK** – Nikki Fields, Planning and Real Estate Program Manager and Ken Graham, Real Estate Program Manager

- This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on a request from The Lodge at Saint Edward, LLC, to approve a Letter of Consent for State Parks to allow a subdivision of their leasehold parcel into two lots. Kevin Daniels, James Daniels, and Dan Webster, Daniels Real Estate, will join the conversation.

**9:56 a.m. MOUNT SPOKANE PLANNING UPDATE** – Melinda Wolfman, Parks Planner and Paul Knowles, Trails Program Manager

- This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on the Mount Spokane State Park Master Plan including the Draft Preferred Recommendation and input provided to date, as well as next steps and timeline.

**10:31 a.m. 2026 GRANT PROJECT LIST**– Nikki Fields, Planning and Real Estate Program Manager

- This item provides an update to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on the process to develop a grant list for the 2026 Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

grant round and shares the preliminary grant list in preparation for a requested action to approve the list in January 2026

~~11:20 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION – *Not needed*~~

**10:59 a.m. ADJOURN**

*Submitted by Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant*

*November 19, 2025*

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