

**WASHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
(WEDFA)**

****MINUTES****

**May 8, 2026 Regular Meeting
9:30 A.M.**

**Meeting Location
5125 Grand Loop
Ruston, WA 98407
And By Video and Telephone**

Board members Present:

Josephine Tamayo Murray, Chair
John Kilpatrick, Vice Chair
Cara Carlton, Secretary
Representative Tom Dent
Jennifer Dickinson
Kathy Elias
Jason Ferrante
Sergio Garcia
Jemal Idris
Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti
Jason Richter (non-voting)
Representative Alicia Rule
Vincent Santiago
Senator Mark Schoesler

Board members Absent:

Senator Adrian Cortes
Ollie Garrett
Radi Simeonova

WEDFA Staff Present:

Rodney Wendt, Executive Director
Molly Abbey, Program Administrator
Kelly Owings, Assistant Attorney General

**Invited Guests and Members
of the Public Present:**

Betty Baublits
Michael Catsi
Jasmine Vasavada

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 3/19/26 regular meeting were before the board. There were no objections or proposed changes, and, after a voice vote, the Chair announced that the minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolution No. W-2026-09

The Chair introduced Resolution No. W-2026-09, approving the awards and form grant contract agreements for the 2026 Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program.

Following discussion, Jemal Idris moved for adoption of Resolution No. W-2026-09. Kathy Elias seconded the motion. Subsequently, all members listed above as present and eligible to vote voted for approval of the resolution in a roll call vote.

Resolution No. W-2026-10

The Chair introduced Resolution No. W-2026-10, approving the selection of Davis Farr LLP as outside auditor.

Following discussion, Jennie Dickinson moved for adoption of Resolution No. W-2026-10. Cara Carlton seconded the motion. Subsequently, all members listed above as present and eligible to vote voted for approval of the resolution in a roll call vote.

Resolution No. W-2026-11

The Chair introduced Resolution No. W-2026-11, approving a supplemental indenture for North Pacific Paper Company, LLC.

Following discussion, Cara Carlton moved for adoption of Resolution No. W-2026-11. Jemal Idris seconded the motion. Subsequently, all members listed above as present and eligible to vote voted for approval of the resolution in a roll call vote.

Presentation to the Board

Michael Catsi presented information about the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County and about the economy of Pierce County. No action was taken.

Discussion of WEDFA Activities and Finances

WEDFA activities and finances were discussed. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.