



Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District Board Meeting Access Information

Meeting 6:30 pm - 2nd Wed of each month
Schedule 8:00 am - Last Wed of each month

Meeting Access

Meetings are held in person at our Administrative offices at 1220 Lakeway Drive in Bellingham. If you prefer to attend remotely, access information is below.

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Attending a Meeting

Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District's regular Board meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am.

Meetings are open to the public per the Open Public Meetings Act.

All meetings are hybrid, available in person or online. If you wish to observe a meeting, but do not plan to actively participate, you may attend anonymously. Turn off your mic & camera, and change your display name to "Observation Only."

Public Comment Periods

Public comment periods are built in to the agenda, one near the beginning of the meeting and one near the end.

Commissioners will listen, but will not respond or engage in dialogue during the comment period. Direct questions or requests are noted by staff for follow-up.

For the sake of time, and to leave plenty of time for scheduled agenda items, public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 45 minutes per comment period.

Comments may be submitted at any time through mail, email, our online contact form, or by phone.

For more information about communicating with the Board of Commissioners, [please visit our website!](#)



Questions?

If you have questions about attending an upcoming meeting, please contact Administrative Assistant Rachael Hope at rachael.hope@lwwsd.org or 360-734-9224.



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

1220 Lakeway Drive
Bellingham, WA 98229

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA

March 18, 2026

6:00 p.m. – Special Session

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS POSITION NO. 3
 - A. Nick Greif (6:00 p.m.)
 - B. Jeanine Gray (7:00 p.m.)
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h): To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office – 30 minutes
5. SPECIFIC ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - A. Nomination of Preferred Applicant for Appointment to Commissioner Position No. 3
6. ADJOURNMENT



**AGENDA
BILL
Item 3.**

**Board of Commissioners
Position No. 3 Applicant
Interviews**

DATE SUBMITTED:	March 12, 2026	MEETING DATE:	March 18, 2026
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	FROM: Justin Clary, General Manager		
GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL			
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS	1. none		
TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED	RESOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/>	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION <input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATIONAL/ OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT

The Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District is a special purpose district authorized under Title 57 Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The District is governed by five (5) commissioners who set the policies and rates of the District. The District is divided into five distinct *commissioner districts*; each represented by a resident elected from that commissioner district to serve a six-year term of office.

Commissioner Bruce Ford resigned from Position No. 3, with an effective date of January 31, 2026. [RCW 42.12.080](#), Filling nonpartisan vacancies—Special purpose districts, defines associated District-deadlines for filling the vacant position.

Per Paragraph 1, the Board must nominate at least one candidate and post the name of the nominated candidate in at least three public places (including the District’s website) for a minimum of 15 days. During that period, registered voters of the District may submit nominations to the Board for appointment to the vacant position. Following the 15-day period, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy from the pool of candidates nominated by either the Board or the public (Paragraph 2).

Per Paragraphs 5 and 6, the Board has 90 days to appoint a qualified person to the vacant position (May 1 for the Position No. 3 vacancy). If the Board fails to act by this deadline, the authority turns over to the Whatcom County Council, which has an additional 90 days to fill the vacancy (July 30 for the Position No. 3 vacancy). If the County Council fails to act by this deadline, the authority turns over to the District Board of Commissioners to petition the governor to fill the vacancy. The appointed individual will hold the position until the general election in November 2027, at which point the individual elected to Position No. 3 will hold the office for the remainder of the current term (through December 31, 2031).

The District began advertising for applications for appointment to Position No. 3 during the week of February 2 (website/Facebook/Nextdoor posts and mailers to residents of Position No. 3). Applications were due by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2026.

The District received applications from two individuals meeting the qualifying requirements for serving on the Board. Those individuals are scheduled to be interviewed by the Board during a special meeting on March 18, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated with interviewing Commissioner Position No. 3 applicants.

APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)

Stakeholder Understanding & Support

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board interview the two applicants for appointment to Position No. 3.

PROPOSED MOTION

None at this time.



**AGENDA
BILL
Item 5.A**

**Board of Commissioners
Position No. 3 Nomination
for Appointment**

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FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated with nomination of appointment of an individual to Commissioner Position No. 3.

APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)

Stakeholder Understanding & Support

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board nominate one of the two applicants for appointment to Position No. 3.

PROPOSED MOTION

A recommended motion is:

“I move to nominate _____ for appointment to Position No. 3 of the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District Board of Commissioners.”