

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, with Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Peter Browning present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Janicki called the proceedings to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) *10:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Performed during the Board of Health meeting.

b) *10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of Health Work Session with Public Health

The Board of Health met at 10:00 a.m. Record of the Proceedings for this meeting can be found at: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/BoardOfHealth.

c) *11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Public Comment Period

Ingrid Hinton of Skagit County commented on the hazards of lithium batteries.

Dr. River Elderholly of Skagit County commented on a plant that dissolved plastic.

Rebecca Peck of Skagit County commented on the Southern Poverty Law Center and the No Kings Day protests taking place in Skagit County.

Anthony Romano of Skagit County commented on some property issues and the Annual Flood Current Conditions meeting that was hosted by the Department of Emergency Management on October 7, 2025.

Patrick Donnelly of Skagit County commented on the Annual Flood Current Conditions meeting that was hosted by the Department of Emergency Management on October 7, 2025.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on the process involved to establish a curbside recycling system in her community.

2. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

3. Miscellaneous (announcements, letters, etc.)

The Commissioners commented on various events that they attended last week.

There were no letters signed for the week of October 6, 2025.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:53 a.m.

d) *11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Proclamation Recognizing October 15, 2025, as White Cane Awareness Day

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:54 a.m.

President, Anacortes Lions Club and Secretary of Multiple Districts 19 Knights of the Blind Colette Arvidson provided the history of the white cane. She said that the white cane was initially developed to be used as a measure of safety, especially in traffic situations. Ms. Arvidson also provided the history of the Lions Club International which was founded as a humanitarian service club in 1917.

President, Skagit and Island Counties Council of the Blind, Burlington Lions Club Member Andy Arvidson provided information about how he learned to use the white cane when he lost his sight at an early age. He also spoke about the capabilities and abilities of blind people, and encouraged the community to have awareness of what the white cane meant.

Skagit and Island Counties Council of the Blind Vice President Fred Barnum, and Lions Club of Anacortes member Roger Felton shared their experience with the effects of diabetes, blindness, low vision, and the benefits of the white cane.

More information can be found on their website at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>.

Commissioner Browning read the Proclamation recognizing October 15, 2025, as White Cane Awareness Day and called upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highway.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 12:16 p.m.

e) 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Commissioners Briefing

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 2:46 p.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for the Commissioners to provide an update on items of interest from meetings they had attended and for Administrative Services to discuss any items of interest with the Board.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki
Commissioner Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 3:25 p.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board