

**Northwest Consortium Committee
July 21, 2025**

Actions Taken:

- Approval and recommendation for Full Board approval of the PY 2025 Operating Budget
- Approval for Whatcom County Executive Sidhu to continue as Consortium chair for another year, through June 2026

I. Consortium Business

The Consortium Committee is comprised of a representative from each County in the region. The four (4) county region that makes up this Workforce Development Area is Whatcom, San Juan, Island, and Skagit.

The Consortium Committee shall be responsible, in partnership with the Northwest Workforce Council Board for overseeing the local workforce development system and for carrying out the responsibilities assigned to the Chief Elected Official pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and implementing Federal and State rules.

The Consortium Committee is responsible for:

- Regional board member appointments
- Submission of the local 4-year Regional Workforce Development Plans, in partnership with the Board, to the Governor's office
- Review and approval of the Board's budget
- Certification of the One-Stop Operators, in partnership with the Board.

A. Selection of PY 2025 Consortium Committee Chair

Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, currently holds the chair position. The Chair represents the Consortium Committee and sits on the Council's Executive Committee as a voting member. The consortium committee chair carries out the responsibilities of the "Chief Elected Official" as prescribed by WIOA and other Federal, State, and Local grant agreements where it is not feasible for the committee as a whole to do so; Is an ex-officio member to the full-board; and acts on behalf of the Consortium Committee between meetings.

Members unanimously approved Executive Sidhu to continue in the role of Consortium Committee Chair on a motion by Kari McVeigh, seconded by Peter Browning.

II. Finance

A. WIOA PY 2025 WIOA Washinton State's IB Annual Allocations for 1) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth (Young Adult), and 2) Wagner Peyser (ESD) Programs; PY 2025 Operating Budget.

Marissa Cahill provided the memo: *PY 2025 WIOA Allocations: IB Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth (Young Adult), and Employment Service (Wagner-Peyser) Programs; PY 2025 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) Operating Budget*. Members were informed the Executive Committee approved and recommended Full Council approval of the operating budget as presented.

After review by members, Kari McVeigh moved approval of the PY 2025 WIOA IB Operating Budget, recommending Full Council approval. Commissioner Browning seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment – None

Attendance:

Consortium Committee Members:

Chair: County Executive Satpal Sidhu
(Whatcom)

Commissioner Peter Browning (Skagit)

Commissioner Kari McVeigh (San Juan)

NWC Staff:

Executive Director Marissa Cahill

Executive Admin Manager Liz Vaughn

NWC Executive Committee Members:

Mark Vorobik, Council Chair, Business,
Skagit County