

Special Commission Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually as well as in-person on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in Lacey, Washington. Chair Daryl Williams called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our [meetings webpage](#).

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Online)

Daryl Williams, Chairman, *Governor Appointee*
Larry Cochran, Vice-Chairman, *elected eastern region rep.*
Cherie Kearney, *Governor Appointee*
Brook Beeler, *Department of Ecology*
Dean Longrie, *Elected west region rep.*
Harold Crose, *Elected central region rep.*
Jim Kropf, *Washington State University*
Mike Mumford, *Washington Association of Conservation Districts*
Perry Beale, *Department of Agriculture*

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

Sarah Groth, *Interim Executive Director*
Lori Gonzalez, *Executive Assistant*
Alicia McClendon, *Administrative Assistant*

Please see “**Attachment A**” for full list of online attendees.

Quorum present.

PARTNERS REPRESENTED (Online)

Angie Reseland, *Dept of Fish and Wildlife*
Tom Salzer, *WA Association of Conservation Districts*
Ryan Baye, *WA Association of Conservation Districts*

GUESTS ATTENDED

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ACTION MINUTES TAKEN

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. Lori Gonzalez to call roll call. States there is a quorum present.

Chair Williams calls for a closed, executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Session will be closed to Commission Members, Sarah Groth, Interim Executive Director, Lori Gonzalez, Executive Assistant, Stephanie Davidson, Department of Enterprise Services, Human Resource Business Partner to the SCC, and Tom Young from Reffett and Associates.

Meeting goes into closed executive session at 1:06 p.m. for 60 minutes.

Meeting reconvened in public session at 2:06 p.m.

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Motion by Commissioner Cochran to accept the selection committee recommendation and to authorize the executive committee to begin negotiations with the top candidate.

Seconded by Commissioner Longrie.

Opposed by Commissioner Mumford.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.