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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026 | 8:00 AM

Spokane Convention Center

CALL TO ORDER:

President John Nowels called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Executive Board Members Present:

- Sheriff John Nowels, President
- Chief Rafael Padilla, President Elect
- Sheriff Joe Kriete, Vice President
- Chief Cole Langdon
- Sheriff Summer Scheyer
- Chief Rebecca Mertzig
- Sheriff Clay Myers
- Chief Rick Johnson
- Sheriff Mike Morrison
- Chief Sam White
- Mike Herrington, Special Agent in Charge - FBI – Seattle

Staff Present:

- Steven D. Strachan, Executive Director
- Jamie Weimer, Chief of Staff
- Rachelle Harwood, Executive Assistant
- James McMahan, Policy Director
- Kim Goodman, Finance Director
- David Doll, Professional Services Director

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2026. **Motion made to approve minutes by Sheriff Myers. Second by Sheriff Kriete. Motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report:

Financial Statements: Financial Statements are presented through February 28 with the full year 2025 comparative figures. The finance committee reviewed the statements and have no concerns.

Motion made to approve the financial statement by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Padilla. Motion passed unanimously.

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Annual Financial Statement and Federal Program Audit: The audit field work is complete. We are awaiting final review and the draft financial statements. We are not aware of any findings or concerns. All in all it was a smooth and quick audit this year. The Board will be invited (date to be determined) to attend the audit conference where the final audit report will be presented.

WASPC Grant Requests: One grant request was reviewed by the committee. Elma Police Department requested support to implement PowerDMS (Power Policy and Power Ready) at \$5,346.16. The Committee recommend funding \$4,000.

Motion needed to accept the recommendation and fund the grant for the Elma Police Department. Motion made to the grant funding of \$4,000 by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements: Check number 48296 through 48392 (03/11/26 through 4/30/26) for \$2,412,944.43 (full listing provided in board packet).

Need motion to APPROVE the disbursements. Motion made to approve minutes by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Langdon. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Update:

Executive Director Steven Strachan provided an update on the shared IT agreement WASPC is working on, the retreat coming up in September and some topics we will cover during that time, continuing to monitor the Sheriff's qualifications and automated license plate reader bills, lastly an update on involuntary treatment act (ITA) work groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Conference Locations:

Jamie Weimer outlined proposals and staff recommendations for Fall 2027, 2028 and 2029 and Spring 2028, 2029, and 2030 conference locations. Among other factors, the projected cost savings to move Spring Conferences from the Spokane Convention Center to the Three Rivers Convention Center are significant. The projected cost savings will support maintaining current conference registration fees for WASPC members and will continue to provide a revenue source supporting membership services that are not otherwise funded through the organization.

WASPC staff propose to book the 2027 Fall Conference (November 15-18), 2028 Fall Conference (November 13-16), and Fall 2029 Conference (November 12-15) at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick.

WASPC staff propose to book the Spring 2028 Conference (May 22-25), Spring 2029 Conference (May 21-24), and Spring 2030 Conference (May 20-23) at the Three Rivers Convection Center in Kennewick.

Motion made to approve the future conference locations as recommended by Sheriff Morrison. Second by Chief White. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:Professional Services Committee Charter Changes:

David Doll presented charter changes to include Professional Development in the Professional Services Committee Charter. They read as follows:

Leadership Development. WASPC provides both online and in-person leadership development opportunities with the focus of developing ethical and professional leadership at all levels of our member agencies. Courses offered are at no cost to our members.

Motion made to approve the changes to by Sheriff Morrison. Second by Chief White. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed changes to Accreditation Standards:

David Doll brought forward draft changes to the law enforcement and corrections accreditation standard. The Professional Services Committee respectfully recommends the WASPC Executive Board affirm the changes to the accreditation standards.

Motion made to approve the changes to by Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Padilla. Motion passed unanimously.

Accrediting Agencies:

The WASPC Accreditation Commission convened on 5/12/2026, at the WASPC Spring Conference, for the purposes of reviewing agencies up for re-accreditation and new agency accreditation for the Spring of 2026. The Commission reviewed the reports of the Assessment Team and confirmed that they have complied with the Accreditation standards and answered any unresolved issues or findings.

As a result, the Accreditation Commission recommend the WASPC Executive Board confirm Accreditation Status upon the following agencies:

Re-accrediting agencies:

- Bremerton PD
- Washington State Gambling Commission
- Grant County SO
- Kennewick PD
- Kirkland Jail

Newly accrediting agencies:

- Franklin County Corrections Center
- Issaquah PD
- Port Townsend PD
- Richland PD

Motion was made to approve Bremerton PD, Washington State Gambling Commission, Grant County SO, Kennewick PD, Kirkland Jail, Issaquah PD, Port Townsend PD, and Richland PD for accreditation by

Sheriff Myers. Second by Chief Padilla. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board allowed for Sheriff Jim Raymond, Franklin County Sheriff's Office to address the room for Public Comment regarding Franklin County Corrections Center.

The Executive Board went into Executive Session at 8:58 AM.

The Executive Board reconvened the meeting at 9:43 AM.

Following executive session, Chief Padilla made a motion to approve accrediting Franklin County Corrections Center, Second by Chief Langdon. Six Board members voted yes to accrediting Franklin County Corrections Center, five Board members voted no. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:Approval of Membership Applications:

The following membership applications were presented for consideration.

ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

			Sponsor
Anatoliy Nazariya	Woodinville Police Department	Chief	Chief BJ Myers
John Markus	Prosser Police Department	Chief	Chief Robert Layman
Sean Gillebo	Port of Seattle Police Department	Chief	Chief Rafael Padilla

ASSOCIATE APPLICATIONS

Kevin Jepson	Ruston Police Department		Chief Nestor Bautista
Jamie Buckley	Connell Police Department	Patrol Sergeant	Chief Chris Lee
Virginia Griesbach	City of Kent Corrections	Corrections Sergeant	Chief Rafael Padilla
Jason Visnaw	Western States Information Network	Law Enforcement Coordinator	Chief Scott Engle
Richard Glen Melville	Cowlitz Tribal Police Department	Chief of Police/Public Safety Director	Chief Brian Smith
Marc McPherson	Central Washington University Police Dept	Police Captain	Chief Eric Twaites
Andy Bayne	Central Washington University Police Department and Public Safety	Captain	Chief Eric Twaites
Scott Orate	Prosser Police Department	Sergeant	Chief Robert Layman
Ryan Kelly	Kennewick Police Department	Lieutenant	Chief Chris Guererro
Matthew Sutton	Yakima Police Department	Captain	Chief Shawn Boyle

AFFILIATE APPLICATIONS

Joseph Glossen	Sunnyside School District	Safety & Security Director	Chief Robert Layman
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MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Tracy Gay	Associate to Active	Elma Police Department
Jeremy Bos	Associate to Active	Lynden Police Department
Paul Budrow	Active to Active (Sheriff to Chief)	Twisp Police Department
Jodie Barcus	Associate to Active	Okanogan Sheriffs Office
Brent Cook	Associate to Active	Pasco Police Department
Eric Lund	Associate to Active	Tukwila Police Department
Caridad Vesco	Associate to Active	Ocean Shores Police Department
Jeff Salstrom	Associate to Active	Hoquiam Police Department
Andy McCurdy	Associate to Active	Sumner Police Department

Motion made to approve the membership applications by Chief Padilla. Second by Sheriff Morrison. Motion passed unanimously.

2026 Executive Board Meeting Schedule:

The following meeting dates were reviewed:

- September 22–24, 2026 | Retreat at Campbell’s Resort
- November 11, 2026 | Three Rivers Convention Center

Adjourn:

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Chief Padilla. Second by Sheriff Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.