

BOARD MEETING

Thursday January 29, 2026

LOCATION:

Office of the Insurance Commissioner Building
302 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

Conference Room #440

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AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 (15 min)	Welcome and Introductions <i>Dr. Monica McLemore, Chair</i>
8:45 (15 min)	Legislator Connection <i>Representative Joe Schmick, Ranking Member of the House Health Care and Wellness Committee</i>
9:00 (5 min)	Invited: <i>Debbie Driver, Legislative Director with the Office of the Governor, Bob Ferguson</i>
9:05 (15 min)	CEO Remarks <i>Ingrid Ulrey, Chief Executive Officer</i>
9:20 (20 min)	Exchange Priorities for the 2026 Session <i>Shirley Prasad, Director of Government Affairs</i>
9:40 (5 min)	Public Comment
9:45 (15 min)	Exploring New Revenue Ideas <i>Sam Hatzenbeler, Legislative Director, Economic Opportunity Institute</i>
10:00 (45 min)	Community Health Centers Navigating Federal Changes <i>Rhonda Hauff, President and CEO, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services</i> <i>Betsy Jones, Chief Strategy Officer, Community Health Network of Washington/Community Health Plan of Washington</i> <i>Dave Pearson, CEO, Washington Association for Community Health</i>
10:45 (5 min)	Break
10:50 (40 min)	State Agency Partners Navigating Federal Changes <i>Kelly Cooper, Director of Policy and Legislative Relations, Department of Health</i> <i>Nico Janssen, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Office of the Insurance Commissioner</i> <i>Evan Klein, Special Assistant for Legislative and Policy Affairs, Health Care Authority</i>
11:30 (25 min)	Agency Connection <i>Patty Kuderer, Washington State Insurance Commissioner, Office of the Insurance Commissioner</i>

MISSION:

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange seeks to redefine people's experience with health care. Our mission is to radically improve how Washington residents secure health insurance through innovative and practical solutions, an easy-to-use customer experience, our values of integrity, respect, equity, and transparency, and by providing undeniable value to the health care community.

Our Objectives:

- Increase access to affordable health plans
- Organize a transparent and accountable insurance market to facilitate consumer choice
- Provide an efficient, accurate, and customer-friendly eligibility determination process
- Enhance health plan competition on value: price, access, quality, service, and innovation

11:55 Closing Remarks and Adjournment

(5 min) *Dr. Monica McLemore, Chair*

- Next meeting: March 26, 2026
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