

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL
March 27, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu, Skagit County Commissioner Joe Burns, Skagit County Commissioner Peter Browning, Whatcom County Councilmember Mark Stremler, San Juan County Councilmember Kari McVeigh

STAFF: Amanda McDade, Katie Durbec, Holly Fletcher-Love, Shu-Ling Sun, Ryan Blackwell, Mark Detrick

PUBLIC: none present

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Whatcom County Councilmember Mark Stremler.

There was no public comment.

Regular Agenda

- a) Sole Source Authority for Skagit Senior Nutrition
Executive Director Amanda McDade provided an overview of the request for sole source authority. There was some discussion to define what sole source authority would mean for this contract.

Motion was made by Skagit County Commissioner Peter Browning to authorize the sole source authority exemption for the Skagit County Senior Nutrition Program and seconded by San Juan County Councilmember Kari McVeigh. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Proposed Staffing Changes
Executive Director Amanda McDade provided an overview of the proposed staffing changes and the reasoning for requesting an additional FTE to the Behavioral Health Program due to a long client waitlist. There was discussion about the current number of clinicians in the program.

Motion was made by Skagit County Commissioner Peter Browning to authorize the proposed staffing changes and seconded by San Juan County Councilmember Kari McVeigh. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

Prepared and submitted by:

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