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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
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Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	Mr.
First Name	Marcus
Last Name	Warolin
Today's Date	4/18/2025
Street Address	██████████
City	██████████
Zip	██████
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	██████████
Secondary Telephone	██████████
Email Address	██████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Economic Development Investment Board

Group

2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?

Yes

3. Which Council district do you live in?

District 2

4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group

No

5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?

Yes

If yes, please explain

I am the Controller with the Whatcom Community Foundation. The Whatcom Community Foundation at times applies for grants from Whatcom County, works with Whatcom County grant recipients, and at times may invest in or support projects or programs that the County is involved in.

6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?

No

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

[Marcus Warolin - Resume - 4.18.25.docx](#)

7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired),

As the Controller for the Whatcom Community Foundation I serve a number of roles. I manage the day to day operations of the accounting and IT, under the direction of a Finance Committee I manage the investment of the nearly \$100M in

qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

Foundation Assets, and I manage the Impact Investment program at the Foundation that currently has \$3M deployed into impact investments through direct loans, equity investments, and loan guarantees. I hold an active CPA license in the State of Washington, and hold an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Northwestern College in Orange City, IA and an MBA from Western Washington University.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

At the Whatcom Community Foundation, our vision is that everyone who lives in Whatcom County thrives. We work towards this vision by partnering with local nonprofits, communities, businesses and community groups. Sometimes through making grants or loans/investments, other times through supporting trainings or outreach to and for the community. Through this work, we hear where community members are having challenges, but also where people and organizations are seeing opportunities to help our community thrive. As a philanthropic member of the EDI board, I believe I could bring the voice of local nonprofits to the board. On a personal level, I call Whatcom County my home and see being on the EDI Board a way I can use my education and business/finance background to help serve this community. I believe that the EDI Board has a tremendous amount of potential to support a thriving Whatcom County with the EDI funds and I am excited about being a part of this process.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Mauri Ingram, President/CEO of the Whatcom Community Foundation, 360-739-8039
David Foreman, CFO of the Opportunity Council, [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Marcus Warolin

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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Marcus Warolin

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Education MBA - Western Washington University Bellingham, WA
▪ Graduated in June 2011, with a GPA of 3.9
▪ Focus in Accounting

BA in Business Administration - Northwestern College Orange City, IA

Certifications CPA – (license # 29946) Licensed in Washington State since November 2011

Experience **June 2022 to Present** **Whatcom Community Foundation**
Bellingham, WA **Controller**

- Oversee financials and Month End process, put together a monthly financial packet for CEO and Treasurer.
- Manage foundation assets in accordance with Finance Committee direction.
- Oversee local Impact Investing program, with focuses on small business investment, nonprofit lending, and affordable housing lending.
- Review Impact Investment opportunities for soundness of investment, alignment with Foundation goals, and community benefit. Present opportunities to WCF Impact Investment Committee.

February 2021 – June 2022 **Robert Half / Classic Accessories**
Seattle, WA **Accounting Consultant/Senior Manager, Finance**

- Oversee financials and Month End process, put together a monthly financial packet for CEO/CFO, ownership group and banking relationships
- Assist in Business Central ERP implementation
- Integral member of team working on Due Diligence for sale of company
- Build out reporting for new ownership group
- Work with sales tax nexus and reporting
- Manage Accounting Team
- Manage annual budget process
- Manage Audits

June 2016 – October 2020 Seeking Health LLC Bellingham, WA
CFO

- Successfully managed implementation of NetSuite ERP system in 2017
- Manage state tax / nexus compliance project
- Implement tax reporting software, payroll software, upgraded time clock, as well as part of a website implementation team
- Review and clean up financial reporting, General Ledger over hall
- Complete a monthly closing of financials, including overseeing reconciliations, variance analysis, and sales analysis
- Implemented an annual budgeting process and monthly budget to actual variance reviews
- Work closely with distribution team, fulfilling orders through ecommerce retail, wholesale, Amazon FBA, Amazon FBM, Amazon SFP
- Oversee inventory, regular cycle counts and semiannual full inventory counts, as well as providing regular inventory level evaluations
- Partner with IT for ERP updates, shipping software upgrades, demand planning software implementation, sales tax software implementation and AP automation implementation
- Maintain banking, insurance and external legal relationships
- Work with external CPA firm for the timely completion of annual reviewed financial statements

Sept. 2015 – June 2016 Fiberglass Structural Engineering Inc.
Bellingham, WA

- Manage cash position for the head office as well as branches in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates
- Compile and analyze monthly financial statements for head office and overseas branches. Facilitate audits of foreign branch financials
- Facilitate state tax returns and periodic reporting. Oversee tax reporting for foreign branches and international revenue
- Work with banks and credit insurance to insure appropriate levels of operating cash
- Lead accounting team in providing timely and accurate financials and customer billing

**Sept. 2014 – Sept. 2015 Skagit Gardens Inc. Mount Vernon, WA
CFO**

- Lead accounting, IT and purchasing staff of 9 to obtain timely, efficient and accurate results
- Compile monthly financials statements with MD&A for management and board review
- Compile annual budget and perform monthly variance analysis
- Oversee costing of inventory, using both standard costing and average costing of inventory and raw materials
- Perform regular variance analysis and margin analysis over inventory
- Perform daily cash management, including complying with weekly lender reporting requirements
- Perform ad hoc analysis in collaboration with the sales, production, and shipping departments

**Oct 2011 – June 2014 Moss Adams LLC Bellingham, WA
Assurance Senior**

- Specialize in performing and managing audits of financial institutions and manufacturing clients
- Perform reviews of 10-Q's for clients subject to the requirements of the SEC
- Perform in depth testing and review of internal controls
- Perform benefit plan audits for banks, manufacturing companies, and not for profits
- Consistently meet and exceed budget/efficiency expectations
- Work together with audit team to meet deadlines and stay in budget
- Work independently on reviews and compilations while meeting tight deadlines

**Jan 2008 – June 2010 Elenbaas Company Inc. Sumas, WA
Accounting Manager**

- Prepare monthly financial statements for 4 retail stores, 2 mills and 1 agronomy division
- Perform in-depth variance analysis on monthly financials
- Cash management for 7 locations
- Supervise 5 employees in accounting department
- Perform monthly payroll and mid-month draw
- Human resource manager for 100 employees
- Track and account for capital expenditures
- Led implementation of improved order entry system

Aug 2007 – Jan 2008 SunGard Financial Systems Hopkins, MN
Staff Account

- Accounts payable for 3 SunGard divisions
- Monthly accounting for prepaid software and hardware purchases
- Verify expense reports were adhering to company policy
- Verify sales and use tax law was being following in multiple states

2005 – 2007 DeWaard & Bode Inc. Bellingham, WA
A/R Specialist – AP Supervisor

- Full cycle accounts receivables
- Collections
- Monthly reconciliations: bank, expense and clearing accounts
- Prepare and input daily journal entries
- Review all imputed payables
- Insure timely completion of AP payments
- Backup AP, IT Assistant