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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	Dr.
First Name	Kelly
Last Name	Klem
Today's Date	4/29/2026
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Developmental Disabilities 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 3

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?

No

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

[Kelly Klem Resume 2026.pdf](#)

7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I am a teacher and educational leader with experience across elementary, secondary, and adult learning environments. I currently serve as a lead teacher and assistant administrator, where I oversee instruction, support staff development, and manage school operations. My qualifications include a Washington State teaching license, over 900 hours of professional development, and a strong background in curriculum design, project management, and accessibility compliance. I hold a BA in Language Arts and an MA in Adult

Education, and an EdD in Education and Organizational Leadership. My professional and community work centers on equity, inclusion, and continuous improvement in education systems.

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

I am interested in serving on the Whatcom County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board because I believe meaningful change begins at the systems level. As an educator and leader, I have worked extensively with diverse learners and understand how access, inclusion, and equitable services shape long-term outcomes. This board's role in advising on service planning, coordination, and community supports directly aligns with my commitment to inclusive education and community advocacy. I bring experience in curriculum design, cross-sector collaboration, and equity-focused leadership, and I am motivated to contribute a thoughtful, data-informed perspective that strengthens services, amplifies community voice, and supports individuals with developmental disabilities in living full, supported lives.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

David Fuentes - (360) 223 - 0138, Braden Farlow - (360) 441 - 5152, Shelby Asakura - (916) 642 - 3067

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Kelly Klem

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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