



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Boards and Commission Vacancies
Through January 31, 2026

This list represents all vacancies through January 31, 2025. All appointees must live in Whatcom County and, if applicable, meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position. Vacancies are often filled by reappointment of current members to a second term.

All appointees must complete Open Public Meeting Act training within 90 days of appointment.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

AB2026-034

12 Vacancies, ten 3-year full terms, **1 partial term ending 1/31/2028 and 1 partial term ending 1/31/2027**. Nine applicants are eligible to reapply.

Applicants must have expertise and experience as a consumer of public health, community member with lived experience in one of the areas listed below, or community stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations, the business community, and those regulated by public health. Membership preference shall be given to tribal, racial, ethnic, and other minorities. The advisory board shall consist of a balance of persons with expertise, career experience, and consumer experience in areas impacting public health and with populations served by the health department, including healthcare access and quality; physical environment, including built and natural environments; social and economic sectors, including housing, basic needs, education, and employment; business and philanthropy; communities that experience health inequities; government, and; tribal communities and tribal government. Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Applicants:

1. Mike Cohen
2. Christine Espina, incumbent
3. Alison Fontaine
4. Carl Isom-McDaniel
5. Rachel McGarrity, incumbent
6. Nathaline Nivens
7. Robyn Phillips-Madson, incumbent
8. Deb Shawver
9. Markis Dee Stidham
10. Ashley Thomasson, incumbent
11. Ben Twigg
12. Amelia Vader
13. Shu-Ling Zhao, incumbent

REQUESTED ACTION:

Vote 1 - Appoint new members

Vote 2 - Which member is assigned to partial term ending 1/31/2027?
- Which member is assigned to partial term ending 1/31/2028?