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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 18, 2026, 5:00pm

In attendance:

Members of the Board:

Public Sector:

Melissa Beaton – not present

Ron Wesen – present

Danny Hagen – present

Ash Gregorius – present

Elli Haddick – not present

Private Sector:

Kate Bennett – present

Silvia Reed – present

Gregg Davidson – not present

Morgan Curry – not present

Carl Young – not present

Client Sector:

Kati Ortiz – not present

Heather Wallace – not present

Loly Gomez – not present

Tina Tate – present

Katya Matsko – present

Staff: Bill Henkel, Sandi Phinney, Karen O'Bryan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Silvia Reed called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

(Danny was in a car participating, which makes it challenging to facilitate.)

QUORUM NOT PRESENT

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the May 28, 2026 Board of Directors Meetings

Correspondence: MV Chamber Newsletter- Community Action mention Email: Follow up to Dan Mitzel re Cascade Place Emails: MOU Termination with Home Trust Skagit & Forterra Article: How Ordinary Households are Subsidizing the Data Center Boom

Division Reports: Melissa Self, Jazmin Flores and Sandi Phinney, Elizabeth Jennings, Taylor Babcock, and Michele Metcalf

No quorum present to approve.

III. DISCUSSION AGENDA

6. Finance; Hagen

We are about \$1M to the positive this year due to large grants that we will spend down. We lost about \$192,000 this month, which we knew was coming. Much of that (\$111k) is direct service spend down, as detailed on the spend down chart in the Finance narrative, as well as a \$60k negative in “unrealized gains/losses,” as April saw a substantial downturn in markets related to our investments. Ayumi is now tracking the many grants that came in in one big chunk and their spend down. Ayumi plans to track that so we can keep an eye on what we need to keep cash in the bank. When we come back in September, we are likely to have spent down quite a bit more, as we still have about \$800k in front loaded direct service to spend down by the end of the year. If everything else kept the same, that’d take us from about \$1million positive down to \$200k positive, though of course there will be other factors that will impact our finance numbers positively or negatively. Overall we are in good financial position, though we don’t want to assume we will remain so far to the positive through the year because of the substantial and unusual pre-payments. We’ll still be able to review the finance reports through the summer, though we won’t meet unless there is an emergency.

No quorum present to approve.

7. State of the Agency; Henkel

Bill welcomed Katya Matsko and invited board and staff to introduce themselves to Katya. She said that she got to know Community Action via volunteering and other community connections, such as through Rotary. Katya shared that she graduated UW w/ degree in business, and wants to go into politics one day.
Board and staff introductions.

Bill also announced that Karsyn Hanson is our new Community Engagement Director. Karsyn is currently at Public Health, and comes with a strong skillset in communication, community organizing, collaboration, and relationship building.

In new enterprises and revenue, our homeless housing funding through the County remained fairly stable, with some relatively minor decreases. We understand rental assistance will be awarded separately, and we hope that remains steady as well, as it is a strong preventive measure to alleviate homelessness. Bill noted that because our cash flow has strengthened, we see several benefits, including allowing us to save money. For instance, last year we were unable to pay our entire facilities and liability insurance coverage in one payment, which had substantial costs associated with the “loan” necessary to arrange monthly payments. This year, we paid all of the approximate \$150k bill up front, which could save up to \$10k from interest charges. Strong cash flow allows us to be flexible in responding to a disaster, proactive in our approach to services, resilient to sudden funding shifts – and it can save money. Worthy of celebration!

In trends and needs and services, Bill went over the coming changes to Medicaid, which are highlighted in the Board packet on 7B. The first wave of changes in October affects eligibility of some refugees, asylum seekers, immigrants, etc. About 20,000 in WA state will lose Medicaid benefits due to that. More will be affected in January due to changing work requirements. Though there are several exemptions from these requirements, those most at risk for losing coverage are unhoused folks. The 6-month reauthorization requirement (instead of every year) will add more work for people to remain on Medicaid. In response to all of these factors, we will be partnering with Molina in our MV Resource Center to help our clients navigate the new requirements, and we plan to add an employment specialist focused directly on supporting clients thru the changes to employment requirements.

Bill expressed gratitude for all who showed up at the Kulshan Vista Village groundbreaking, and said we are cheering on Skagit Council on Aging as they face down their start date of July 1 to take on Senior Nutrition and Meals on Wheels

Executive Committee

In Hamilton, we are unlikely to move forward with that Home Trust partnership on that site, because of the town’s current resistance, though Felicia from Home Trust let us know the town is now inviting a conversation with her about the project. We also met with Dan Mitzel to talk about issues related to possible purchase of Cascade Place. Danny said that in general it was a good conversation about the possibility to simply purchase the property, without any additional changes, and potentially by some level of financing of the overall \$7m or so purchase. Danny reminded the board that there are no full board meetings in July or August, but some committees will continue to meet through the summer.

Latinx Advisory Committee

Kati and Silvia had shared with Board Exec Committee some of the current activities of our Latinx Advisory Committee, and the important role they are playing in this atmosphere of fear related to federal crack downs on immigration, which has definitely hit Skagit. People are understandably more cautious to ensure they remain safe, and sometimes that leads to a series of challenges, such as at Tri Parish Food Bank, which many families are avoiding out of fear, and thus perhaps not receiving adequate food and nutrition. In addition, they are substantially down in volunteers, which makes it harder to run the food bank itself. We discussed our role in helping to reassure the community that it is safe, that we are here to help, including how we frame our intake forms. What’s the best way for the group to communicate that there is a safe space for all.

IV. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm

BOARD REVIEW & APPROVAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved as submitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved with changes noted below
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<input type="checkbox"/> Board Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Acting Board Secretary		Date Signed