



For Washington Schools, By Washington Schools

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Minutes
10:00 a.m. – July 15, 2026

Ephrata and Zoom

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Heather Pinkerton (Chehalis SD)
Janette Jeffris (Walla Walla SD)
Jacob Kuper (Yakima SD)
Mathew Knott (Central Valley SD)
Sean Fitzgerald (Wenatchee SD)
Thomas Brillhart (Kennewick SD)
Clinton Sherman (Shelton SD)

Board Members Absent:

Kate Davis (Olympia SD)

Administration / Staff Present (Clear Risk Solutions):

Rick Templeton
Rich Moore
Dave Kose
Frank Andrus
Zac Berryman
Rachel Huffman
Jenny Gunderson
Michael Johnson
Angela Eloff
Taylor Montgomery

Guests:

Francis Floyd
Will Aughbaugh

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 AM.

1. Introductions and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order and roll call was completed.

2. Additions

No additions were made to the agenda.

3. Executive Session – Claims Update

The Board entered executive session to receive a claims update. No action was taken following the executive session.

4. Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the May Minutes, June Vouchers, and Bank Statements.

Moved by Kuper
Seconded by Fitzgerald
Motion Carried

5. Voucher and Summary Approval

Staff reviewed claims activity, settlements, legal expenses, and property losses. The Board discussed increasing liability costs, claim trends, member accountability, training requirements, policy reviews, and potential future risk management expectations for member districts.

Moved by Brillhart
Seconded by Jeffris
Motion Carried

6. Approval of Final Budget

Moore presented the proposed FY 2026-27 budget and discussed late changes in excess insurance pricing that increased projected costs. The Board reviewed reserve levels, member rate impacts, and strategies for allocating increases based on loss experience.

Moved by Kuper
Second by Jeffris
Motion Carried

6.1 Board Renewal Report

Pratt presented the annual renewal report. Coverage renewals were recommended with existing carriers, and several property coverage enhancements were secured.

Moved by Brillhart
Second by Fitzgerald
Motion Carried

7. Board Elections and Timeline

Berryman reviewed the election timeline and noted that nominations will open to the membership, ballots will be distributed in August, and election results will be announced during the Advance at Northern Quest.

8. Additional Board Discussion

The Board received an update on tort reform efforts, statewide studies related to liability costs, and ongoing discussions with state education organizations. Board members also discussed developing future training, compliance, and risk management requirements for member districts, with additional discussion planned during the Board retreat.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the SIAW Board Retreat, September 29 – October 1, 2026.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Zac Berryman
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Clinton Sherman
Clinton Sherman, Chair