

Snohomish County Charter Review Commission

March 11, 2026

Minutes

Present:

Chair Brett Gailey

Vice-Chair Mark James (remote)

Commissioner Rob Toyer (remote)

Commissioner Don Vanney

Commissioner Jennifer Gregerson (remote)

Commissioner Demi Chatters

Commissioner Shawn O'Donnell

Commissioner Janelle Cass

Commissioner David Preston

Commissioner Amanda Dodd (remote)

Commissioner Dale Kaemingk

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff (remote)

Peter Condyles, Commission Coordinator

Benjamin Goodwin, Commission Legal Counsel

Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

**See names below for those who provided public comment*

1. Call to order

Chair Gailey called the meeting to order at 5:30pm in the Jackson Board Room.

2. Roll Call

The Commission Coordinator called the roll; 11 members were present.

Commissioner Chatters made a motion to excuse Commissioners Decker, Mahnkey, McGee, and Eslick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cass, and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by the following:

Kathryn Lewandowsky (remote)

Eric Bidstrup- Representing FairVote Washington

4. Approval of Minutes- February 25, 2026

Commissioner Vanney made a motion to approve the February 25 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Cass seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Topics of Discussion

a. Required public hearings

The Commission Coordinator reported on the proposed public hearing schedule, and will bring back a final schedule at the next meeting.

b. Draft proposals

i. Previously advance proposals

1. Proposal related to lobbying activity by county officials- Chatters

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Chatters. Commissioner Chatters and the Commission Coordinator will work over the next two weeks to bring back a final proposal for a vote.

2. Proposal related to expanding the County Council from five members to seven- Gregerson

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Gregerson. The Commission Coordinator and county staff will work on getting answers to Commissioner questions over the next two weeks and bring back additional information.

3. Proposal related to making the offices of County Executive, County Prosecutor, and County Councilmember non-partisan- James, Mahnkey

The commission discussed the proposal by Commissioners James and Mahnkey.

ii. New proposals

1. Proposal to utilize ranked choice voting in the elections for Charter Review Commission- Dodd

The Commission discussed the proposal by Commissioner Dodd. There was interest in having the County Auditor come and discuss ranked choice voting with the commission at a future meeting. Commissioner Chatters moved that the proposal be advanced for further study, and Commissioner Cass seconded the motion. The motion passed with nine members voting in favor, and one against.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Chatters requested that a timeline be added to the commission website to inform the public of the last day an amendment must be proposed.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Toyer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vanney, and it passed unanimously. The Commission was adjourned at 6:31pm.