

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

The Island County Council of Governments on September 27, 2023, met in the Board of Island County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville, Washington.

*The Council of Governments Minutes and audio recordings of meetings may be located [here](#).*

**Members Present:** Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey Commissioner – Chair  
Melanie Bacon, Island County Commissioner  
Blaine Oborn, City Administrator, City of Oak Harbor  
Scott Chaplin, Mayor, City of Langley

**Members Present via Video:** Janet St. Clair, Island County Commissioner – Vice-Chair

**Also Present:** Paul Sorenson, BST Associates  
Sharon Sappington, Economic Development Council, Island County  
Jennifer Noveck, Ph.D., CEDS Process Consultant, EDC for Island County  
John Lanier, Senior Long Range Planner, Island County  
Emily Carr, Long Range Planner, Island County  
Michael Jones, County Administrator, Island County  
Marie Shimada, Ebey’s Reserve Manager  
Mark Rentfrow, City Administrator, City of Langley

**CALL TO ORDER**

Port Commissioner Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**AGENDA**

- Discussion of Port of South Whidbey Comprehensive Plan Update
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) review with Economic Development Council of Island County
- Legislative Priorities – initial discussion

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2023**

Mayor Chaplin moved to approve the August 23, 2023, meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Bacon, motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF PORT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Paul Sorenson, of BST Associates, presented on economic and demographic information regarding South Whidbey Island and will be used in the Port of South Whidbey Comprehensive Plan.

**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) REVIEW WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF ISLAND COUNTY**

Sharon Sappington, Director Economic Development Council of Island County and Jennifer Noveck, CEDS process consultant presented on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy development for Island County.

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**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The Council discussed the legislative priorities of the Council of Governments.

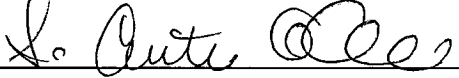
**ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Mayor Chaplin brought up the need for work on behavioral health strategies.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

Council of Governments,



**Curt Gordon, Chair**