

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) \*11:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wesen led attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) \*11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Public Comment Period

Elke McCartney of Skagit County spoke about her immigrant heritage and expressed concerns related to the proposed battery energy storage facility in Mount Vernon.

Ingrid Hinton of Skagit County addressed concerns about proposed battery energy storage facilities.

Rebecca Peck commented on a recent demonstration addressing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), due process, and increasing funding for public defenders.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on the need for recycling services in her community, and the minimum services level ordinance.

Celeste (last name not provided) of Skagit County addressed concerns about proposed battery energy storage facilities, small farm businesses, and the Planning Commissions' recommendation regarding agritourism.

Link to public comments:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/02022026.zip>

2. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

3. Miscellaneous (announcements, letters, etc.)

The Commissioners commented on past, upcoming meetings, and letters signed for the week of January 26, 2026.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:52 a.m.

\*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

Commissioners' Record of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: February 3, 2026

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**ABSENT**

Ron Wesen, Chair

  
Peter Browning, Commissioner

  
Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Linda Hammar

Clerk of the Board