

Proposed Definitions Article for the Skagit County Planning Commission Bylaws

ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS

1. “Board” means the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners.
2. “Bylaws” means the rules or administrative provisions adopted by the Planning Commission for its internal governance and its external dealings. They are subordinate to a charter or articles of incorporation or association or to a constitution.
3. “Censure” means an official reprimand or condemnation.
4. “Chair” means the presiding officer of the Planning Commission.
5. “Commission” means the Skagit County Planning Commission.
6. “Committee” means a subordinate group to which the Planning Commission refers business for consideration, investigation, oversight, or action.
7. “Conflict of interest” means a real or seeming incompatibility between one’s private interests and one’s public or fiduciary duties.
8. “Conspiracy” means an agreement by two or more persons to commit an unlawful act, coupled with an intent to achieve the agreement’s objective and action or conduct that furthers the agreement.
9. “Delinquent” means failing to perform an obligation.
10. “Disciplinary proceeding” means an action brought to reprimand, suspend, or expel a licensed professional or other person from a profession or other group because of unprofessional, unethical, improper, or illegal conduct.
11. “Disloyal” means false to one’s allegiance or obligations.
12. “Ex parte” means done or made at the instance of one party only, and without notice to, or argument by, any person adversely interested.
13. “Fiduciary” means a person who is required to act for the benefit of another person on all matters within the scope of their relationship; one who owes another the duties of good faith, trust, confidence, and candor.
14. “Moral misconduct” means the failure to conform with recognized rules of correct conduct.

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15. “Personal interest” means any of the prohibited relationships defined in RCW 42. 23.
16. “Pro tem” means an abbreviation for “pro tempore” meaning for the time being; appointed to occupy a position temporarily.
17. “Quasi-judicial” means relating to, or involving an executive or administrative official’s adjudicative acts when the official is not a judge.
18. “Quorum” means the minimum number of members, usually a majority of all the members, who must be present, including electronically, for the Planning Commission to legally transact business.
19. “Subcommittee” means a group within a committee to which the committee may refer business, standing in the same relation to its parent committee as the committee stands to the Planning Commission.