

# **CAC MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Jones.

Members present: Doris Brevoort, Ray Bock, BJ Carol, Louise Edens, Robin Gosney, Chris Jones, Judy Jones, Monette Partin, Dick Phillips, Valerie Rose, Irene Prokuski, and Dave Stevens.

There were no public commenters or guests.

Chris moved, Ray seconded the October minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Elections were held for the slate of 2026 officers, and they are as follows: Chair Judy Jones, Vice-Chair Irene Prokuski, and Special Projects Assistant Ray Bock.

For the staff report, Maleah announced the retirement of Cheryl Willis, last work date November 21. We have appreciated her work so much, and she will be missed.

Maleah thanked the committee for getting the rider guide information to her, which she and Rogelio will be reviewing in the coming weeks.

Cheryl then gave ridership for January – September, up 6.8% compared to 2024. Year to date for September is 11.67% fixed route.

Paratransit since January – September up 12.65%, and year to date for September 12.81%.

An overview of October-November current events was given. Skagit Transit is also participating in a holiday toy drive through December 5, where unwrapped toys can be delivered to either the County Shop Lane facility, or Skagit Station Customer Service office. Donations are welcome, call Cheryl for instructions.

Monette asked about the updating of the rider guide, and Maleah assured us all this is in process, will be sending us another draft to confirm or update any feedback. The rider guide will officially come out with changes around May.

Committee Old Business: The virtual component of our meetings has improved vastly with use of a large hub mic and other adjustments by IT staff. It is suggested that the hub mic be mounted on something else other than direct contact with the table to minimize extraneous table noise.

Judy asked everyone to submit initial proposals for by-laws changes to either her or Maleah, which will be reviewed by the committee, and submitted to Maleah. These will be reviewed by the Skagit Transit attorney, and will get back with us by March, when submissions by the agency will also be reviewed by the committee before a final draft can be submitted.

New Business: For our December 9 meeting, Anna Zivarts, Director of the newly-launched Nondriver Alliance, will be speaking about the various projects, and how the alliance is partnering with ridership, mass transit coalitions, agencies, and transit boards, statewide.

Judy will also be speaking to the transit board about the Nondriver Alliance at an upcoming board meeting.

Valerie brought up the frustration of the phone options reaching Customer Service at Skagit Station. Judy explained that if the Customer Service office cannot be reached, the system will roll over to to ride-scheduling Customer Service questions, or reroute the call back to Skagit Station Customer Service.

It was moved by Dick and seconded by Ray the meeting be adjourned, motion carried.

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

CAC Chair