



CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2025

MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Chair Susan Fisch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2025. Also present were Commissioners Jim Stoffer, Jeff Tozzer, Alex Fane, Patti Morris, Ron Richards, Rod Fleck, Mark Hodgson, Ron Cameron, Chris Noble, Christy Holy, Paul Pickett, Cathy Walde and Nina Sarmiento. Bill Benedict was absent.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tozzer requested to add an item regarding executive procedures

ACTION TAKEN: Tozzer moved to add an item regarding executive procedures, Walde seconded, motion failed

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted as presented

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes December 8, 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

- Brian Grad, Sequim, commented on attorney client privilege, confidential information
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on commissioners present, agenda items, last meeting
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on attorney client privilege
- Dr. Sarah Huling, District III, commented on land acquisition (see attached)
- Pepai Whipple, Sequim, commented on attorney client privilege
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on land acquisition
- Mitch Zenobi, Sequim, commented on participation in meetings, taxing, CRC accomplishments, timber sales
- Mary Wilson, Sequim, commented on attorney client privilege
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on CRC accomplishments
- Sheena Younger, commented public participation, Commissioner Stoffer, ethical standards
- Marolee Smith, Port Angeles, commented on elected official acts, confidential information

CORRESPONDENCES

Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Pepai Whipple, Dr. Sarah Huling, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Morris, Paul Hansen, Commissioner Tozzer, Eric Fehrmann, Commissioner Noble, Denise Lapio, Shenna Younger, Clerk Gores (see attached).

Correspondences were received after the December 22, 2025 meeting from Commissioner Richards, Sandra Cline, Denise Lapio, Danni Breen, Teresa Crossley, Duane Benedict, Eric Fehrmann, Rita Cirulis, Jacob Seegers, Marolee Smith, Tony Corrado, Jen Clallamity, Liz Mason, Barb Townsend, Sue Coffman, Clerk Gores (see attached).

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Voters Pamphlet Proposed Charter Amendment (Step 4) – Commissioner Richards**

Fisch reminded the Commission that the Voters Pamphlet proposed amendment is on Step 4. She read the underscored line into the record:

Proposed amendment:

Section 11.20: Charter Amendment and Repeal, 11.20.10: General Provisions, of the Clallam County Charter be amended as follows:

The full text of any proposed Charter amendment shall be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

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Richards requested to move the Resolution forward to the Auditor for the 2026 Ballot.

ACTION TAKEN: Richards moved to approve the resolution and forward to the Auditor for the 2026 Ballot, Noble seconded, motion passed

(13 voted in favor and 1 voted opposed)

- **Land Acquisition Committee Proposed Recommendation to the BOCC – Commissioners Cameron/Richards**

Fisch reminded the Commission that the Land Acquisition Committee proposed amendment is a recommendation to the BOCC.

Richards briefed the CRC Commissioners on the Land Acquisition proposed recommendation to the BOCC. CRC Commissioners provided pro and con feedback on the amendment.

Richards original motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Richards moved refer the recommendation (resolution) to the BOCC, Stoffer seconded, motion passed

Noble amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Noble moved to change language in the THEREFORE SECTION from *policies and procedures to respond to, and respond to, all requests TO policies and procedures for responding to requests*, Stoffer seconded, motion passed

Fleck amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Fleck moved to strike the language in the beginning of the Resolution *The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of the Clallam County for the year 2025 finds that: AND* change the numbering of the paragraphs with WHEREAS, Fane seconded, motion passed

Fleck amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Fleck moved to strike everything after the first sentence in WHEREAS 5, Stoffer seconded, motion passed

Fleck amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Fleck moved to strike WHEREAS 7, Stoffer seconded, motion failed

Noble amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Noble moved to delete the word *Also* from beginning of WHEREAS 6, Stoffer seconded, motion passed

- **Attorney/Client Privilege – Commissioners Tozzer/Richards and Attorney Dee Boughton**

Hodgson original motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Hodgson moved to have a presentation by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Morris seconded, motion passed

Pickett amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Fleck moved to set a 10 minute presentation time limit, Pickett seconded, motion passed

Boughton provided a presentation on attorney/client privilege.

ACTION TAKEN: Morris moved to extended the presentation time, Cameron seconded, motion passed

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Boughton continued his presentation on attorney/client privilege. CRC Commissioners asked questions.

- **Proposed By-law and Attorney/Client Privilege Issues - Commissioners Noble/Richards**

ACTION TAKEN: Noble moved to waive confidentially on any responses from Attorney Dee Boughton for the 2025 CRC year, Holy seconded, motion passed

Noble briefed the CRC Commissioners on the attorney/client privilege and bylaw changes. CRC Commissioners provided pro and con feedback on the amendment.

Noble original motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Noble moved to amend the bylaw as follows:

Add a new Section 3 of Article VI to read:

If an attorney-client privileged or other confidential communication is received by the Commission by request at a public meeting or executive session, with respect to each such communication, the Commission shall vote at its next regular meeting whether such confidentiality shall be retained or waived. Unless and until a majority vote of the Commission to waive confidentiality occurs, no member of the Commission may disclose the content of such communication to any party other than members of the Commission and the author(s) of the communication, Hodgson seconded, motion passed

Sarmiento amended motion:

ACTION TAKEN: Sarmiento moved to amend the motion as follows:

Add a new Section 3 of Article VI to read:

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Richards briefed the CRC Commissioners on the attorney/client privilege and bylaw changes. CRC Commissioners provided pro and con feedback on the amendment.

ACTION TAKEN: Richards moved to adopt the proposed Resolution, Tozzer seconded, motion failed

- **Ratification of the December 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Fisch**

ACTION TAKEN: Fleck moved to have Chair Fisch to review and approve the minutes once presented by the Clerk, Holy seconded, motion passed

REPORTS

- **Chair Report – Commissioner Fisch**

Fisch noted that the CRC Budget has a remaining balance of \$5,344.72. Expenditures for 2025 included mileage and copy fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on CRC terms, public hearings, lands acquisition
- Bonnie Bless-Boenish, Sequim, commented on work of the Charter Review Commission
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on amendment rights, survey, treatment, abolish the Charter
- Sarah Kincaid, Sequim, commented on the work of the Charter Review Commission
- Dr. Sarah Huling, District III, commented on abolish the Charter, land acquisition
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Commissioners Tozzer and Stoffer, oaths, grants

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- Mary Wilson, Sequim, commented on confidentiality, bylaws
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on apology
- Norma Turner, Port Angeles, commented on thanked CRC for service, treatment of each other
- Pat Day, Sequim, commented on work of the Charter Review Commission
- High School Student, Sequim, commented on inappropriate online photo involving minors
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on the work of the Charter Review of Commission
- Noah Brady, Port Angeles, commented on motives of elected officials, jobs of the elected officials
- Pepai Whipple, Sequim, commented on public comments, Commissioner Sarmiento apology, disappointment in what has happened and not happened, serving all the citizens
- Brian Grad, Sequim, commented on understanding the law
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on Commissioner Sarmiento statement and apology, integrity and opinion, Commissioners Hodgson and Stoffer, Water Steward, attorney/client privilege, Commissioner Pickett, racism, behavior of others
- Sheena Younger, commented on Commissioner Tozzer, email forwarding, accountability, ashamed of Clallam County

GOOD OF THE ORDER/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mileage forms are due at the end of the meeting
- Email accounts will close on December 31, 2025

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Loni Gores, MMC
Clerk of the Charter Review Commission

Approved: 12-26-2025

CJALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2025

ATTENDANCE RECORD

	01/13/25	01/27/25	02/10/25	02/24/25	3/10/25	3/24/25	4/14/25	4/28/25	5/12/25	5/27/25	6/9/25	6/23/25	7/14/25	7/28/25	8/11/25	8/25/25	9/8/25	9/22/25	10/13/25	10/27/25	11/10/25	11/24/25	12/8/25	12/22/25
Susan Fisch	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Benedict	V	V	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	V	A	P	P	A
Jim Stoffer	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Jeff Tozzer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alex Fane	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ron Cameron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pattie Morris	P	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	V	P	V	V	P	P	P	P
Chris Noble	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Paul Pickett	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	V	V	V	A	A	A	V	V	V	V	V	A	V	V
Ron Richards	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	P	V	V	V	V	V	P	P
Rod Fleck	P	V	V	V	P	A	P	P	P	P	V	V	V	V	V	V	P	V	V	P	V	V	V	P
Mark Hodgson	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	V	A	P	P	V	P	V	P	P	A	P	P	P
Christy Holy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cathy Walde	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	V	P	P	A	V	A	V	V	P	A	V	V
Nina Sarmiento Started on 2-24-25	X	X	X	V	P	P	P	P	A	P	V	P	P	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Karen O'Donnell - Resigned	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Present -- P (Appeared by in person or video -- P or V) or Absent -- A

CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2025 – Roll Call Voting – December 22, 2025
Y – Yes, N- No, A-Absent

	Motion to approve the Voters Resolution - Richards
Susan Fisch	Y
Bill Benedict	A
Jim Stoffer	N
Jeff Tozzer	Y
Alex Fane	Y
Ron Cameron	Y
Pattie Morris	Y
Chris Noble	Y
Paul Pickett	Y
Ron Richards	Y
Rod Fleck	Y
Mark Hodgson	Y
Christy Holy	Y
Cathy Walde	Y
Nina Sarmiento	Y
Yes	13
No	1
Pass or Fail	Passed

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

Public Comment on Agenda Items – 1st Session

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate. Please print name and address clearly.

Nº	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1	Brian GRAD	Brian Grad	245 Lake Way Sequim
2	Ed Bowen	Ed Bowen	POB 111 CB
3	Denise Lapio	Denise Lapio	Sequim, CA
4	Hardee Smith	Hardee Smith	Port Angeles
5	Dr. Sarah Huling	Dr. Sarah Huling	Forks
6	Pepai Whipple	Pepai Whipple	Sequim
7	John WORTHINGTON	John Worthington	SEQUIM
8	Mitch Zenobi	Mitch Zenobi	Sequim
9	Mary Wilson	Mary Wilson	Sequim
10	Eric Fehrmann	Eric Fehrmann	Sequim
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Dr. Sarah Hurling
Public Comment
CRC 12/22/25

Clallam County Land Acknowledgment

I would like to begin by acknowledging the place where we are meeting today — Clallam County, Washington, including the West End, where I live, work, and raise my family.

I acknowledge that this land, like all places on Earth, has been shaped by countless generations of human beings. Over time immemorial, people have migrated, settled, cooperated, and conflicted across this region, leaving layered histories of creation, loss, and survival.

The history of this place, like the history of human societies everywhere, includes periods of growth and hardship, cooperation and conflict, continuity and change. These experiences are part of the broader human story that has shaped landscapes, communities, and systems of governance worldwide.

I acknowledge this history not to assign inherited blame or elevate any group as morally singular, but to recognize our shared human capacity for harm and for resilience.

I offer this acknowledgment in the hope that remembering the full human story — honestly and humbly — strengthens how we live together now in Clallam County: with responsibility, dignity, and care for one another, for our civic institutions, and for the land we all share.

“Regarding the Land Acquisition Committee Proposed Recommendation to the BOCC, as presented in the packet, I support the committee’s recommendation as presented in the packet. While it’s fair to acknowledge that the Commission missed an earlier opportunity to advance this as a Charter amendment, what matters tonight is that we are moving forward with a clear, process-based recommendation that reflects the public’s request for transparency, accountability, and documented County response. Advancing this recommendation tonight is the right outcome.”

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED

Gores, Loni

From: Gores, Loni
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:41 AM
To: Benedict, Bill; Boughton, Dee; Cameron, Ron; Fane, Alex; Fisch, Susan; Fleck, Rod; Gores, Loni; Hodgson, Mark; Holy, Christy; Morris, Patti; Noble, Chris; Pickett, Paul; Richards, Ron; Sarmiento, Nina; Stoffer, Jim; Tozzer, Jeff; Walde, Cathy
Subject: CRC Voters Pamphlet Notice - December 22
Attachments: CRC Notice of amend Voters Pamphlet 12-8-25.pdf

See attached. This has been posted online and sent to the Press/Media.

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*Loni Gores
Clerk of the Board
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Port Angeles, WA 98362
Phone: 360-417-2256*



NOTICE OF MEETING CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

December 8, 2025

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission will be conducting a meeting on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, 223 East 4th Street, Room 160, Port Angeles, Washington.

The Charter Review Commissioners will be voting on the following proposed amendment to Section 11:20: Charter Amendment and Repeal, 11.20.10: General Provisions, of the Clallam County Charter:

Proposed amendment:

Charter amendments may be proposed by the Commission, the County Commissioners or by the public. Any proposed Charter amendment shall be filed and registered by the Auditor and submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor. If more than one amendment is submitted on the same ballot, they shall be submitted in such a manner that the people may vote for or against the amendments separately; provided that an amendment which embraces a single or interrelated subject may be submitted as a single proposition even though it is composed of changes to one or more Articles. The full text of any proposed Charter amendment shall be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

If a proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall be effective 10 days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the petition or ordinance proposing the amendment. Any implementing ordinance required by any Charter amendment shall be enacted by the County Commissioners within 180 days after the amendment is effective, unless the amendment provides otherwise.

Any language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing Clallam County Charter language and will be taken out of the Charter if this measure is approved by voters. Any underlined language does not appear in current Clallam County Charter language but will be added to the Charter if this measure is approved by voters.

December 22, 2025, Meeting Call Information:

If you would like to listen to the meeting via Zoom audio only, call 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: 836 9266 4344 and passcode: 12345 and use *9 to raise your hand.

If you would like to listen to the meeting via Zoom video conference, visit www.zoom.com and use meeting ID: 836 9266 4344 and passcode: 12345

Charter Review information can be found on the County website at the following links:

<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/210/Charter-Review-Commission-CRC> and

<https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/>

Public comment can be directed to the Clerk at 360-417-2256 or Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov

Gores, Loni

From: Gores, Loni
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 12:38 PM
To: Benedict, Bill; Boughton, Dee; Cameron, Ron; Fane, Alex; Fisch, Susan; Fleck, Rod; Hodgson, Mark; Holy, Christy; Morris, Patti; Noble, Chris; Pickett, Paul; Richards, Ron; Sarmiento, Nina; Stoffer, Jim; Tozzer, Jeff; Walde, Cathy
Cc: Gores, Loni
Subject: Notice - Lands Committee Meeting 12/12/25 @ 1 pm
Attachments: Committee Notice Land 12-12-25 Full Copy.pdf

See attached Lands Committee Meeting Notice for 12/12/25.

Zoom call information:

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COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The Charter Review Commission Land Acquisition Committee has scheduled a Land Acquisition Committee meeting to be held on December 12, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Board Room 160, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Land Acquisition resolution to forward a recommendation to the Commission.

Zoom:

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Dated 10th day of Decmeber, 2025

Loni Gores, MMC

Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

**Clallam County Charter Review Commission Land Acquisition Committee Meeting
December 12, 2025, at 1 p.m.
Board of Commissioner Board Room 160, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA**

Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Public comment
- Discussion and next steps on a resolution for land recommendation to the Commission
- Public comment

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Citizens with comments or questions regarding the Charter Review Commission may contact the Clerk of the Charter Review Commission at loni.gores@dallamcountywa.gov or 360-417-2256

Gores, Loni

From: Pepai Whipple <pepalapu@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Letter to Charter Review Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

As Clallam County taxpayers we elected you to uphold your elected duties. By voting to not discuss Commissioner Stoffer's breach of attorney/client confidential information & Commissioner Pickett's racial accusation sets a future precedent for all Commissioners to do the same as Stoffer and Pickett.

Commissioner Fisch stated she could not share the memo because of the attorney/client privilege. Fisch later voted no to place board discussion about the Stoffer breach on the agenda. Why?

Why would everyone except Walde, Tozzer, Cameron and Benedict vote to not discuss clear violations of attorney/client privilege? County attorney, Dee Boughton, was unavailable & unable to council the board at tge December, 8th meeting due to sickness, however, it is not up to Boughton to take action, it is the discretion of the Charter Review Board to do so.

The Commissioners while taking time to volunteer their time to serve have done a terrible job over the last year. The political agenda is so out of touch with the citizens week after week those who have shown up, stood up, & spoken out loudly &

Attached is information Boughton will probably not provide to you unless you specifically ask and even then attorneys tend to not provide specific facts & it is up to individuals to do the real work to get things done & questions answered.

Question: Can one person on a board waive attorney-client privilege?

Direct Answer: No — *one commissioner alone cannot waive attorney-client privilege for the entire commission.* Privilege belongs to the client as a whole (in this case, the commission or governing body), and waiver generally requires authorization from the full body or its designated representatives, not an individual acting independently.

Key Points on Attorney-Client Privilege in Government/Commission Contexts

- **Privilege belongs to the client, not the attorney.** In a public body, the "client" is the commission or governing entity as a whole, not any single member.
- **Waiver authority is collective.** Only those authorized to bind the organization (e.g., the board, commission, or its chair acting under explicit authority) can waive privilege. An individual commissioner does not have unilateral authority.
- **Unauthorized disclosure = breach.** If one commissioner forwards privileged material without approval, it is considered an unauthorized disclosure. Even if the

body later votes to release the document, that does not retroactively erase the breach.

- **Federal Rule of Evidence 502.** Waiver must be intentional and by the holder of the privilege. Inadvertent or unauthorized disclosures do not automatically waive privilege for the entire body, but they can create serious risks.



Why This Matters for Your Commission

- **Integrity of process:** If privileged communications can be unilaterally disclosed, it undermines trust in the commission's ability to safeguard sensitive legal advice.
- **Legal risk:** Unauthorized waiver could expose the commission to litigation or weaken its position in disputes.
- **Public confidence:** Citizens expect commissioners to respect confidentiality rules. Mishandling privileged material erodes faith in governance.



Practical Takeaway

- **Only the commission as a whole (or its authorized representative) can waive attorney-client privilege.**
- **One commissioner forwarding privileged material is a breach, not a valid waiver.**
- **Voting after the fact to release the document does not negate the initial breach.**

Susan Fisch knows what attorney/client privilege is and so should Stoffer since he has been on other Boards and in this same situation before. This breach is not something that he innocently did, this was an intentional breach, he's done it before, he just got caught again doing the same thing. This breach was not new for Stoffer he has experience at it and a horrible known track record.

Unfortunately the volunteer members on this board have chosen party over people & it is clear to Clallam County taxpayers the Clallam County Review Board can not be trusted to up hold their oath to serve impartially

Regarding voting, again along party lines, to disregard Commissioner Pickett calling the public "racists", or calling other Commissioners names just further shows how low a group of people will go to defend this type of unacceptable behavior.

We expected the volunteer army to continue to police their members since the hours of long discussions that took place early on about Commissioner Tozzer & stripping him & the public of their 1st Amendment rights. Then again it was all about political politics & best friends being exposed. If a person is not a political best friend then they are the enemy and no one should care about facts.

What good is a fake Board? Not much as evidenced by how it has chose to spend their time. Without prejudice I hereby ask to disband the Charter Review Commission it is a waste of time, resources & money. Just like Commissioners Pickett partially said about holding him & Stoffer responsible for their actions that will affect what Commissions are or aren't allowed to do.

Regards,
Thomas & Pepai Whipple

Gores, Loni

From: Sarah <triplesconsultants2025@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:51 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: 12.12.2025 Correspondence for Land Acquisition Committee Meeting
Attachments: 12.12.25 DRAFT — CRC RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.docx

Hi Loni,

Would you please include the following correspondence and the attached recommendation document in the official record for the December 12 Charter Review Commission Land Acquisition Committee Meeting, and forward them to all committee members and commissioners? Thank you for ensuring the record remains accurate and complete.

Chair Fisch and Commissioners,

I am submitting this correspondence to accompany the attached Draft Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, prepared for the Land Acquisition Committee's review. This recommendation is based on the intent and structure of the amendment the CRC previously considered and reflects the strongest policy guidance the CRC may issue under Article 11.10.30 of the Charter and CRC Bylaws Article IX, Section 2.

As the Committee prepares its final work, it is important that the public record clearly reflects why the CRC is now advancing a recommendation rather than a Charter amendment. During deliberations in November, there were several areas of misunderstanding that materially affected the decision-making process:

- There was confusion about which draft language was under consideration.
- The Prosecutor's memo was understood as addressing the current draft, but it in fact focused on an earlier version that had already been revised.
- Legally significant corrections had already been incorporated into the working draft, but these changes were not universally recognized during discussion.
- Some concerns raised publicly and by commissioners applied to outdated drafts, not to the broad, neutral version actually included in the November 10 and November 24 packets.

These misunderstandings contributed to the CRC's decision not to advance the amendment to Step 2 for 2026 ballot consideration, even though the corrected amendment text addressed the legal concerns identified by the Prosecutor and public commenters.

To maintain an accurate public record, the following clarifications are important:

- The amendment version considered on November 10 and November 24 was a broad, neutral version applying to all state and federal land-acquisition requests, not solely to tribal trust acquisitions.
- The Prosecutor's memo did not oppose this broadened version.
- Tribal concerns applied to earlier versions that were no longer under consideration.

- The CRC ultimately chose, on November 24, to proceed with a recommendation rather than a Charter amendment, in light of the limited time remaining and the need for procedural certainty.

This context explains why the attached draft recommendation now forms the basis of the Committee's work.

The underlying statement of issue remains unchanged. Clallam County continues to receive land-acquisition requests from:

- State agencies (e.g., DNR, WSDOT, State Parks),
- Federal agencies (e.g., BIA, BLM, NPS),
- Tribal governments (through federal trust mechanisms), and
- Other public entities and districts.

Such transfers may:

- remove property from the tax base,
- shift regulatory or permitting authority,
- affect school, fire, hospital, and park districts,
- alter long-term land-use planning,
- impose service burdens, and
- create both opportunities and unintended consequences.

The County currently lacks a formal, consistent process to receive, evaluate, and respond to these requests.

The attached draft recommendation provides structured policy guidance for the BOCC to consider, mirroring the public's request for greater transparency, predictability, and coordination.

Thank you for your work and for ensuring that the public record reflects both the procedural history and the policy purpose behind this recommendation.

Respectfully,
Dr. Sarah Huling, EdD, MBA
District III Resident & Triple S Consultants, LLC

**For transparency: I used an AI assistant to help organize and format this correspondence; all content and intent are my own.*

DRAFT — CRC RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Based on the Intent and Structure of the Previously Considered Amendment
(Prepared under Clallam County Charter 11.10.30 & CRC Bylaws Article IX, Section 2)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regarding County Procedures for Responding to State and Federal Land Acquisition Requests

The 2025 Charter Review Commission ("CRC"), after reviewing public testimony, legal guidance, and intergovernmental processes, recommends that the Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") adopt a formal procedure for evaluating and responding to requests from state, federal, and tribal governments to acquire land within Clallam County.

This recommendation reflects the CRC's findings that such acquisitions may affect the County's taxing authority, legislative and regulatory jurisdiction, service obligations, and long-term land-use planning. The CRC further finds that the public has expressed consistent concerns regarding transparency, fiscal impacts, and the absence of a standardized review process.

Accordingly, the CRC recommends that the BOCC adopt a procedure containing the following elements:

1. Receipt and Public Transparency

The BOCC should formally acknowledge and document all requests from state or federal agencies (including those made through tribal/federal trust processes) seeking to acquire land within Clallam County that may impact:

the county tax base,
land-use authority,
regulatory or permitting jurisdiction, or
the provision of county or special-district services.

Such acknowledgment should be entered into the public record and made accessible to county residents.

2. Interdepartmental Review and Impact Analysis

The CRC recommends that the BOCC implement an internal review process engaging relevant county departments and affected districts, including but not limited to:

Department of Community Development
Assessor's Office
Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Public Works (when applicable)
Fire, school, hospital, or park districts, depending on location

The CRC recommends that this review identify potential:

fiscal impacts (especially changes to the tax base),
service and infrastructure implications,
land-use or permitting issues,
effects on adjacent private and public lands,
alignment with county policy and planning objectives.

3. Recommended Standards for Evaluation

Although the CRC cannot impose binding standards through a recommendation, it encourages the BOCC to adopt clear, consistent criteria for evaluating acquisition requests. These criteria may include:

- whether the proposed acquisition enhances or diminishes county revenue capacity;
- whether the acquisition affects county regulatory authority or enforcement responsibilities;
- whether conditions could be recommended to mitigate adverse impacts;
- whether the acquisition aligns with the Comprehensive Plan, community goals, and long-term land-use objectives;
- whether the acquisition's benefits outweigh the fiscal or jurisdictional impacts.

These recommended standards mirror those envisioned by the original CRC amendment language without constituting a Charter mandate.

4. Written County Response

The CRC recommends that the BOCC provide a written response to the requesting agency, outlining:

- the County's position (support, oppose, or neutral),
- the reasoning behind that position,
- any recommended conditions or mitigation measures,
- and any local government or special-district concerns.

Making such responses publicly accessible increases transparency and public trust.

5. Documentation, Tracking, and Public Availability

The CRC recommends establishing a centralized process—potentially housed within the Department of Community Development—for:

- tracking requests,
- preserving analytical materials,
- maintaining correspondence,
- documenting BOCC responses,
- and providing public access to such documents.

This step ensures institutional memory, consistent practice, and improved interagency coordination.

6. Intent of the Recommendation

This recommendation is not intended to:

- modify the County Charter,
- impose mandatory duties on the BOCC,
- amend the Comprehensive Plan,
- affect treaty rights or federal land-trust processes,
- or create any new legal authority beyond what state and federal law already provides.

Dr. Sarah Huling 12-11-25

Instead, this recommendation reflects the public's request for a clear, transparent, and consistent process, mirroring the policy purpose and structure of the amendment previously considered by the CRC.

Adoption

This Recommendation is adopted by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission pursuant to:

Clallam County Charter §11.10.30, and CRC Bylaws Article IX, Section 2 (Recommendations to the BOCC).

Upon adoption, the CRC Chair is requested to forward this Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

Gores, Loni

From: Richards, Ron
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Cc: Walde, Cathy; Cameron, Ron
Subject: Yesterday's Proposed Recommendations Resolution
Attachments: 121225 Proposed Resolution Recommending to County Commissioners Responses to Land Acquisition Requests 1.docx; 121225 Proposed Resolution Recommending to County Commissioners Responses to Land Acquisition Requests 2.docx

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Hi Loni,

Here are two copies of the resolution that the CRC Lands Acquisition Committee agreed to yesterday regarding responses to requests for comments on certain land acquisitions by state and federal agencies.

The copy with a "1" at the end of the file name is all black ink.

The copy with a "2" at the end of the file name has my changes in red so Cathy and Ron can see easier what I did (except for the deletion of the words following "process" in Finding No. 7, the deletion of the "1." and changing "That" to "that", and the deletion of the whole "2." paragraph). I also made two other changes. There was another typo - a "facts" was written as "acts". I've corrected that. And the other additional change was hyphenating "well-thought-out". Mr. Gates suggested only a hyphen between "well" and "thought", but when I went to check on whether that was required, every authority said to hyphenate the whole word. Interesting minutiae . . .

I would ask Cathy and Ron C. to respond to you whether there is anything I missed or got wrong. After that it would be appropriate to distribute this to the entire CRC and include in the agenda packet.

Thank you for helping us on your day off!

Ron

2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number _____

Recommendation to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners Regarding Procedures
for County Responses to Land Acquisitions by State and Federal Agencies

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of Clallam County for
the year 2025 finds that:

1. From time to time, State and Federal agencies ask Clallam County whether it has any concerns regarding the acquisition by those State and Federal agencies of land within the County's taxing, legislative, regulatory, and law enforcement jurisdiction.
2. Such acquisitions can result in the loss, to various degrees, of the County's taxing, legislative, regulatory, and law enforcement jurisdiction.
3. These requests occur, for example, when Washington State Parks wants to acquire land for park purposes, and when Indian Tribes ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs to acquire land in trust for Tribal Trust Land or Reservation purposes.
4. Historically, Clallam County has not responded to many of these requests, and it has no formal standards on which it should base any response.
5. The land acquisitions by these state and federal agencies could have positive or negative impacts on Clallam County. For example, the acquisition of land for a state park could result in increased tourism and more tax revenue from sales taxes tourists pay and increased real property taxes from any economic opportunities the state park might generate outside the park boundaries. These factors could offset any lost revenue from the State Parks land being removed from the county tax base, but might come with an environmental impact inconsistent with county land use policies.
6. Also for example, the acquisition by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of property for Tribal Trust Land could result in economic opportunities only available to Tribes or Tribal Citizens. This could result in economic benefits to Clallam County offsetting the lost tax revenue from that property. On the other hand, the inability of Clallam County to enact land use controls on Tribal Trust Lands could result in development on those lands inconsistent with adjoining properties within county jurisdiction and adversely affect the value of those adjoining properties.

7. The many and various ways such acquisitions could positively or negatively affect Clallam County's future, or the many and various ways in which any negative effects of such acquisitions could be mitigated through conditions imposed on such acquisitions, dictate that the county should study the potential impacts of such acquisitions; develop standards under which such acquisitions are supported, or opposed, or conditioned; and respond to those requests for comments from the state and federal agencies seeking to acquire the property. It is important that Clallam County base any comments on well-thought-out and considered standards which have been developed through an orderly process.

Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, in consideration of the above findings of facts, hereby recommends to the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners that it develop policies and procedures to respond to, and respond to, all requests from State and Federal agencies for comments on the potential impact of transfers or acquisitions of land to or by those agencies where such transfers or acquisitions would affect the County's taxing, revenue raising, legislative, regulatory, and/or law enforcement jurisdiction.

This Resolution is passed and approved on this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.

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Gores, Loni

From: Sarah <triplesconsultants2025@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2025 1:05 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: 12.22.2025 CRC Meeting Follow-Up Correspondence Support for the Land Acquisition Recommendation

Hi Loni,

Could you please include the correspondence below in the official record for the December 22, 2025, Charter Review Commission meeting and forward it to the Land Acquisition Subcommittee and the full CRC Commission? Thank you.

Chair Fisch, Land Acquisition Subcommittee, and CRC Commissioners,

Thank you again for the opportunity to attend the December 12, 2025, Land Acquisition Subcommittee meeting. I would like to express my appreciation for the thoughtful discussion and collaborative work among Commissioners, particularly as you navigated the legal, practical, and policy dimensions of refining the recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners.

Acknowledgment of Key Edits and Consensus Direction

Although the public could not see the working document during the meeting, it was clear from the discussion that several important adjustments were made to ensure the draft recommendation accurately reflects the CRC's intent and remains within the scope of its recommending authority.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Commissioners Ron Richards and Rod Fleck, whose legal perspectives helped surface important questions about authority, scope, and clarity. Those discussions were essential to strengthening the recommendation and ensuring it remains defensible and appropriate for transmission to the Board of County Commissioners.

I also want to expressly recognize Commissioners Ron Cameron and Cathy Walde, who played a critical role in translating complex legal considerations into plain, practical terms that the public and fellow commissioners can understand. Their willingness to step in during moments of disagreement, clarify intent, and refocus the conversation on shared goals helped move the subcommittee through differing viewpoints toward a constructive outcome.

As reflected in the discussion, the revisions to Section 1 improved clarity around the types of agency inquiries the County receives and provided a more neutral and accurate framing of the issue. I also support the decision to remove Section 2, which, based on the discussion, helped avoid potential overreach and ensured the recommendation remains focused on what the CRC can appropriately urge the BOCC to consider without binding future policy decisions.

Additionally, I heard discussion around refining other sections of the draft, including Sections 6 and 7, to address legal concerns while preserving the underlying policy intent. Although I did not see the text in real-time, the conversation made clear that the subcommittee worked collaboratively, sometimes agreeing to

disagree, to reach language that was both practical and legally sound. I support and appreciate those refinements and trust the subcommittee’s judgment in shaping the final form.

Clarifying My Earlier Correspondence

I also want to clarify that my earlier submitted draft was intended to provide context based on the history of the amendment discussions, not to compete with or supplant the subcommittee’s work. Any appearance of being “too process-focused” was simply a reflection of the CRC’s available scope after the decision not to advance a Charter amendment. I fully support the subcommittee’s recommendation as advanced today.

Reaffirming the Public’s Core Concern

As I stated during previous correspondence, the essence of the public’s request has always been straightforward:

When state or federal agencies, particularly through the BIA trust process, ask Clallam County for input on land acquisitions, the BOCC should provide a timely, documented response that reflects the County’s taxing responsibilities, land-use obligations, and service commitments.

The recommendation advanced today captures this purpose well and provides a clear path forward for the BOCC to adopt consistent and transparent practices.

Full Support for Adoption on December 22nd, 2025

I want to be clear:
I support the subcommittee’s edited recommendation exactly as unanimously approved today, and I strongly encourage the full CRC to adopt it on December 22, 2025.

This correspondence is not submitted to propose changes or delay progress, but to acknowledge the subcommittee’s diligence, affirm the direction taken, and ensure the public record accurately reflects both the CRC’s work and the public’s interest in this matter.

Thank you for your service and for your commitment to ensuring the County’s processes reflect transparency, accountability, and thoughtful governance.

Respectfully,
Dr. Sarah Huling, EdD, MBA
District III Resident & Triple S Consultants, LLC

**For transparency: This correspondence was organized with the assistance of an AI assistant; all content and intent are my own.*

For the record, and to support the Commission’s work leading up to the December 22, 2025, meeting, I have included a high-level side-by-side chart summarizing my understanding of the key conceptual changes discussed during the December 12, 2025, meeting. This is not an interpretation of the final text, but a good-faith reflection of what was described during the meeting. Once the updated draft is released, I will review it closely and submit any clarifying correspondence for the record if needed.

Topic / Section	Original Concept (Ron Richards Draft)	Edits Discussed on Dec. 12 (High-Level Summary)
Section 1 – Description of Agency Requests	Broad examples, including State Parks and BIA trust acquisitions,	Clarified and neutralized language to better reflect how state and federal inquiries arrive at

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	with a focus on jurisdictional impacts.	the County; improved clarity while maintaining the intent.
Section 2 – Direction to Amend the Comprehensive Plan	Directed the BOCC to amend the Comprehensive Plan by a specific date and adopt binding standards.	Removed after discussion. Recognized as potentially beyond the CRC-recommended scope; removal helps ensure legal and procedural appropriateness.
Sections 6 & 7 – Standards, Conditions, and BOCC Responses	Framed County “support, opposition, or conditioning” of acquisitions; raised issues about county authority and process under federal law.	Discussed refinements to ensure alignment with County authority, federal constraints, and CRC scope; edits intended to address legal concerns raised by Commissioner Fleck and maintain the intent behind Commissioner Richards’ examples.
Overall Framing and Tone	Policy-oriented, with emphasis on assessing positive/negative impacts and setting standards for County positions.	Shifted toward a recommendation that emphasizes the BOCC’s responsibility to maintain a consistent, transparent review and response process—aligned with the CRC’s authority and the public’s original request.
CRC Authority and Purpose	Blended elements of policy direction with process guidance.	Refocused the document on what the CRC can appropriately recommend: that the BOCC establish a clear, documented practice for responding to land acquisition inquiries from state and federal agencies.
Public Expectations	Addressed concerns regarding tax base, land use, and jurisdiction, but did not explicitly connect to the public request for BOCC responsiveness.	Reinforced through discussion that the recommendation should reflect the public’s core request: consistent BOCC responses to agency inquiries, including BIA trust notices.

**I offer this summary solely to support transparency and clarity during this final stage of work and not to revisit or delay the subcommittee’s unanimously approved progress.*

Gores, Loni

From: Ed B. <yellowbanks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 11:59 AM
To: Morris, Patti
Cc: Gores, Loni; Mielke, Todd
Subject: Re: Donation Idea

Thank you for the update, I understand the barrier.

Ed Bowen

From: Morris, Patti <patti.morris@clallamcountywa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 9:08 AM
To: yellowbanks@hotmail.com <yellowbanks@hotmail.com>
Cc: Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: Donation Idea

Good morning, I have spoken to a number of people regarding the possibility of a Donation program as I brought up at the last meeting. As with everything, there is a lot of research needed before making a recommendation. Therefore, I have determined with one meeting remaining it is impossible to put something together that would be comprehensive to submit.

I believe it can be pursued at a later date and doesn't take the Charter Review Commission to recommend it before the idea can move forward.

Gores, Loni

From: Richards, Ron
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 1:42 PM
To: Fisch, Susan; Noble, Chris; Hodgson, Mark
Cc: Gores, Loni
Subject: Proposed
Attachments: Proposed Resolution Regarding Unauthorized Disclosure of Attorney Client Privilege Document.pdf

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Dear Executive Committee,

I have been very concerned that the CRC has taken no action to consider reacting to Commissioner Stoffer's unauthorized release of an attorney client privileged document despite many members of the public asking for us to explain our position on that issue. Consequently, I am requesting that the attached proposed resolution be placed on our December 22, 2025, agenda for the CRC's consideration. I believe this resolution fairly and accurately describes the situation and proposes a fair response.

Thank you very much,

Ron Richards,
CRC Commissioner, District 2

2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number _____

Resolution Regarding Unauthorized Disclosure of Attorney Client Privileged Document

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of Clallam County for the year 2025 finds that:

1. On June 20, 2025, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dee Boughton forwarded to the Charter Review Commission (CRC) an opinion regarding a proposed charter amendment being considered by the CRC. The title to that email clearly stated "Proposed Tribal Trust Land Amendment to Clallam Co. Charter ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED".
2. On August 25, 2025, without any authority from the CRC, CRC Commissioner Jim Stoffer forwarded the email referred to in paragraph 1 above, to a private citizen of Clallam County with no right to receive attorney client privileged documents from the CRC.
3. On August 25, 2025, the CRC had not waived the attorney client privilege for the email referred to in paragraph 1 above. An individual member of the CRC has no authority to waive the attorney client privilege for the commission. That right belongs to the CRC acting as a body, and anyone authorized by the CRC to waive the attorney client privilege.
4. At the CRC meeting on November 24, 2025, in a discussion regarding the disclosure of attorney client privileged documents, Commissioner Ron Richards suggested that Commissioner Stoffer explain why he had disclosed an attorney client privileged document. Commissioner Stoffer then claimed that it was only proper to discuss this in an executive session under the provisions of RCW 42.30.110. Commissioner Chris Noble then asserted the same claim when Commissioner Richards again sought to have Commissioner Stoffer explain his actions. Commissioner Richards then paused his efforts to obtain further information from Commissioner Stoffer.
5. RCW 42.30.110 does not mandate that issues Commissioner Richards wanted to discuss be discussed in executive sessions, it merely allows those issues to be discussed in executive sessions. Unless the CRC wanted to adjourn to executive session to discuss the issues Commissioner Richards was raising, he should have been allowed to proceed with stating his concerns.
6. The fact that Commissioner Stoffer placed the issue regarding Commissioner Tozzer's conduct earlier this year (in publicly commenting on input the CRC

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received from a member of the public) on the regular meeting agenda creates the appearance of a double standard when Commissioner Stoffer asserts that questions regarding his own conduct should only be addressed in executive session.

7. A general discussion regarding when an opinion from the CRC's attorney should be covered by an attorney client privilege then ensued in the CRC's November 25, 2025, meeting. The CRC then decided by unanimous vote that the attorney client privilege should be waived for the email referred to in paragraph 1 above.
8. The general belief of the CRC was that opinions relating to the legality of proposed amendments should not be subject to the attorney client privilege; that disclosing those opinions to the public would help them understand the issues being discussed; and that the public would then be in a better position to comment in a constructive manner to the CRC. The CRC also generally believed that attorney opinions related to matters appropriate for executive sessions should be subject to attorney client privilege.
9. Heretofore, however, the CRC has not done anything to address Commissioner Stoffer's action in inappropriately releasing an attorney-client privileged document to a person who should not have received it. Several members of the public have expressed great concern that such an action has not yet received any response from the CRC, especially since so much time and effort was taken earlier this year to sanction Commissioner Tozzer for publicly commenting on input the CRC received from a member of the public, an action that did not violate any rules, regulations, or statutes. This again puts the CRC in a position of seemingly having double standards.
10. The CRC recognizes Commissioner Stoffer's contributions to the community through his participation on many public boards and community service organizations. But the CRC sees no reason for this to justify not condemning his actions in releasing the attorney-client privileged document. To the contrary, with his extensive experience Mr. Stoffer should especially have known not to release such documents. Furthermore, to suggest that a long service record should excuse such actions is to suggest that younger members of our community serving on our boards for the first time should be treated more harshly than older members who have a longer service record.

Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, in consideration of the above findings of facts, hereby:

1. Formally condemns Commissioner Stoffer's actions in releasing a CRC attorney client privileged document to a private citizen of Clallam County who had no right to receive attorney client privileged documents from the CRC.

2. Recommends that subsequent Charter Review Commissions, perhaps through proposing amendments to the Clallam County Charter, create appropriate penalties to apply to members of the Charter Review Commission who release attorney client privileged documents without authority.

This Resolution is passed and approved on this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.

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Gores, Loni

From: Paul & Deb Hansen <pv.dhansen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 9:39 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Thank you Charter Review Committee.

You don't often get email from pv.dhansen@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)
Loni,

Some friends and I attended the committee meeting for the first time last week. We were impressed by the professionalism, thoughtfulness, and patience exhibited by the members in the face of trying circumstances.

Your work, while not necessarily sensational or headline grabbing, requires rigorous thought and consideration, and is important and necessary for the smooth operation of our local government. It's regrettable that some of the people there didn't seem interested in finding solutions.

We thank you and the team for the time and effort you all put in and do appreciate it.

Please pass this on to the committee members.

Sincerely,

Paul V Hansen

Gores, Loni

From: Tozzer, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:55 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Cc: Fisch, Susan; Noble, Chris; Hodgson, Mark
Subject: CRC - Request to add agenda items

Hi Loni, Please forward to all 15. Thanks.

Dear Commissioners Fisch, Noble, and Hodgson:

I am writing to formally request that the Executive Committee add the following two items to the agenda for the next Charter Review Commission meeting:

1. **Attorney/Client Privilege legal response – Commissioner Tozzer / Dee Boughton**, which was postponed at the previous meeting; and
2. **Executive Committee procedures.**

I have submitted multiple agenda requests this year consistent with the Charter Review Commission's Rules and Bylaws. Despite this, I remain the only one of the fifteen commissioners who is not permitted to have requested items placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee and is instead required to seek approval through a full Commission vote. No explanation for this unequal treatment has been provided, despite my repeated requests for clarification.

For the sake of transparency and public trust, I believe the Executive Committee owes both the Commission and the public an explanation as to why one commissioner is being treated differently from all others with respect to agenda access.

In connection with the proposed agenda item on Executive Committee procedures, I am asking each of you to address the following concerns openly and on the record:

- **Commissioner Fisch:** I ask that you explain to our constituents your decision not to engage in direct communication with me and how you believe that approach is appropriate while serving together on a public commission tasked with representing *all* the people of Clallam County.
- **Commissioner Noble:** I ask that you explain to our fellow commissioners your position that other commissioners should not work with me following an issue that occurred in March and that I understood to be resolved. It has become increasingly clear to me that this issue has instead been used to justify ongoing exclusion and retaliation, not only against me, but against the constituents I represent.
- **Commissioner Hodgson:** I want to be clear that I am not seeking further private or off-record conversations. I am asking only to be treated the same as every other commissioner. Given your

professional background in dispute resolution and your experience serving in equity-focused roles, I believe you are well positioned to support a transparent discussion about unequal treatment within the Commission.

Neither the CRC Rules nor the Bylaws authorize the Executive Committee to apply agenda standards selectively or to concentrate procedural control in a way that disadvantages a single commissioner. The role of the Executive Committee is to facilitate the orderly conduct of Commission business, not to determine which commissioners may fully participate in setting that business. When agenda authority becomes concentrated within a small, politically aligned group, it undermines the intent of the Charter Review process and erodes public confidence.

Accordingly, I again formally request that the Executive Committee place the following items on the next agenda:

- **Attorney/Client Privilege legal response – Commissioner Tozzer / Dee Boughton**
- **Executive Committee procedures**

I also request that the Executive Committee provide a clear explanation, for the record, of how agenda decisions are made and how those standards are applied consistently to all commissioners.

I look forward to your response and to addressing these issues openly, professionally, and in service of the public.

Respectfully,

Commissioner Jeff Tozzer

Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 1:43 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8882 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Eric
Last Name	Fehrmann
Email	efehrm_3@hotmail.com
Phone	13608093716
Subject	Agenda Resolution
Comments	Clallam County Charter Review Commission The action of Clallam County Charter Review Commissioner Jim Stoffer forwarding emails violating client/attorney privilege should be condemned by the commission. Jim Stoffer deserves censure by the commission. I urge this commission to place Ron Richards proposed resolution on the agenda for the Monday, December 22, 2025 Clallam County Review Commission meeting.

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Gores, Loni

From: Gores, Loni
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 7:53 AM
To: Benedict, Bill; Boughton, Dee; Cameron, Ron; Fane, Alex; Fisch, Susan; Fleck, Rod; Gores, Loni; Hodgson, Mark; Holy, Christy; Morris, Patti; Noble, Chris; Pickett, Paul; Richards, Ron; Sarmiento, Nina; Stoffer, Jim; Tozzer, Jeff; Walde, Cathy
Subject: FW: Amendment of the bylaws
Attachments: CRC Notice of amend Bylaw changes attorney client privilege 12-22-25.pdf

See email below from Commissioner Noble. The notice has also been posted on the County website and sent to the press/media.

“My email address has changed! The new format is **Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov** Please update my contact card as your earliest convenience, Thank you!”

*Loni Gores
Clerk of the Board
Commissioners Office
223 East 4th Street, Suite 4
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Phone: 360-417-2256*

From: Noble, Chris <chris.noble@clallamcountywa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 3:11 PM
To: Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>
Cc: Fisch, Susan <susan.fisch@clallamcountywa.gov>; Hodgson, Mark <mark.Hodgson@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: Amendment of the bylaws

Loni,

Please forward to the entire CRC and post notice of the proposed bylaws amendment on the county website.

Members of the Charter Review Commission:

As discussed at our last meeting, at our next meeting I intend to propose an amendment to our bylaws to address handling of confidential material by the CRC. If adopted, I hope that the next Charter Review Commission will consider retaining a similar provision in their bylaws.

My proposed amendment is to add a new Section 3 of Article VI to read:

If an attorney-client privileged or other confidential communication is received by the Commission, with respect to each such communication, the Commission shall vote at its next regular meeting whether such confidentiality shall be retained or waived. If a majority of the Commissioners

present vote to retain confidentiality, no member of the Commission may disclose the content of such communication to any party other than members of the Commission and the author(s) of the communication.

See you Monday.
Commissioner Chris Noble



NOTICE OF MEETING CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

December 17, 2025

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission will be conducting a meeting on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room, 223 East 4th Street, Room 160, Port Angeles, Washington.

At that meeting, the Charter Review Commission will be voting on changes to the Charter Review Commission Bylaws as follows:

Proposed amendment to add a new Section 3 of Article VI to read:

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****ATTENTION****

If you would like to listen to the meeting via Zoom audio only, call 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: 836 9266 4344 and passcode: 12345 and use *9 to raise your hand.

If you would like to listen to the meeting via Zoom video conference, visit www.zoom.com and use meeting ID: 836 9266 4344 and passcode: 12345

Charter Review information can be found on the County website at the following links: <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/210/Charter-Review-Commission-CRC> and <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/>

Public comment can be directed to the Clerk at 360-417-2256 or Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov

Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:59 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8884 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Denise
Last Name	Lapio
Email	Dylapio@aol.com
Phone	760-297-0053
Subject	CRC: Resolution to Unresolved Attorney/Client Privileged Document
Comments	To all Charter Review Commissioners: Please include on the December 22, 2025 Meeting Agenda the subject of a resolution to the inappropriate actions of Commissioner Jim Stoffer and his involvement with an Attorney/Client Privileged document that successfully postponed an important vote to advance the Land Acquisition Amendment. Comm. Richards has submitted a proposed resolution that must be addressed at this meeting. This proposal requires the immediate attention of the Commission, the Civil Deputy Attorney, and the public and needs to be addressed without any further delays as this will be the last meeting before the dissolution of the 2025 Charter Review Commission. Thank you for your urgent attention to this important issue. Denise Lapio

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Gores, Loni

From: Tozzer, Jeff
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 5:25 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Cc: Fisch, Susan; Noble, Chris; Hodgson, Mark
Subject: CRC - Question for Executive Committee about agenda items

Hi Loni. Please forward to all 15. Thank you.

Dear Executive Committee Members Susan Fisch, Chris Noble, and Mark Hodgson:

Previously, I was advised that my suggested discussion item was not included in the draft agenda because, as stated, *“it does not pertain to a proposed charter amendment or a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. As always, you may move to add an item to the agenda.”*

I have since reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting and note that Commissioner Noble, a member of the Executive Committee, has added an item titled **“Proposed By-law and Attorney/Client Privilege Issues.”** This item does not appear to be a proposed charter amendment, nor does it constitute a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Given this, I am seeking clarification. Is there a rule, policy, or procedural authority that permits members of the Executive Committee to place agenda items directly on the agenda that do not meet the stated criteria, while other commissioners are precluded from doing so? If so, I would appreciate that rule being identified and explained.

For the sake of transparency, consistency, and public confidence in the Commission’s process, it is important that agenda-setting standards be applied uniformly and that any distinctions in authority be clearly articulated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your explanation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner Jeff Tozzer

Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 6:39 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8908 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Eric
Last Name	Fehrmann
Email	efehrm_3@hotmail.com
Phone	13608093716
Subject	Last Meeting
Comments	Each of you commissioners would do well to evaluate your performance as a representative of your county. Maybe ask if you have fulfilled your sworn duties to the people you swore to represent. Have you really worked to answer the requested changes to the charter, requests made through the survey? Or, have you been more concentrated on petty personal agendas, like name calling, ie:***hole, boy and his blog, Tozzer people, dog whistle racists, and a dedicated security guard. Can you really proclaim success in accomplishing next to nothing in the 12 months you have had? Let's count success. 1. Coroner issue, which was mandated, regardless of your decision. 2. Security detail. 3. ? This appears to be the sum total of all the "HARD WORK". I am anxious to watch you pat yourselves on your back tonight.

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Gores, Loni

From: Shenna Younger <shennastraling77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Re: Public Comment Tonight

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I will be requesting to make public comment tonight and will be reading this statement. I am requesting it be sent to every Charter Review Commissioners and the Clallam County Commissioners.

I am also asking to not be harrassed by the Chair - I was the only one asked where I lived and signaled out. This behavior isn't ok either and it is NOT good governance. It is clear the League of Women Voters of Clallam County, an organization I used to be proudly aligned with, is compromised and no longer a bi-partisan group.

Good evening.

I'm here because accountability should not depend on popularity, friendships, or political convenience.

Jim Stoffer is an elected official. That title comes with responsibility, restraint, and an obligation to protect confidential information. And yet—more than once—he has disclosed information that he was never authorized to share. That is not a misunderstanding. That is not a one-time mistake. That is a pattern.

Recently, Mr. Stoffer posted a meme on Facebook saying, *“Normal people don’t go around trying to destroy other humans.”*

That statement would be easier to take seriously if his actions matched his words.

Because when his disclosure of confidential information was exposed—when people did exactly what the public expects them to do and raised concerns—he didn’t take responsibility. He didn’t correct the behavior. He didn’t apologize.

Instead, he went after the people who spoke up.

He attempted to intimidate them.

He attempted to discredit them.

And he even tried to get them fired from their jobs.

That is not the behavior of someone being “destroyed.”

That is the behavior of someone abusing power to silence accountability.

Let’s be very clear: calling out misconduct is not harassment.

Exposing wrongdoing is not cruelty.

And holding an elected official to ethical standards is not an attack—it is a civic duty.

What we are seeing here is hypocrisy, plain and simple. Publicly preaching morality while privately retaliating against anyone who challenges him. Playing the victim while actively trying to harm the livelihoods of others. Posting inspirational slogans while using manipulation tactics to rally sympathy and deflect responsibility.

This is not leadership.

This is not integrity.

And it should not be tolerated.

Elected officials do not get to decide which rules apply to them. They do not get to weaponize their position against critics. And they do not get to hide behind memes, gaslighting, or manufactured outrage when their conduct is questioned.

If we allow this behavior to go unchecked, we send a message that power matters more than ethics—and that silence is safer than honesty.

I'm asking this body to stop looking the other way.

Stop minimizing serious misconduct.

And stop protecting behavior that would never be acceptable from anyone else.

Accountability is not persecution.

Transparency is not destruction.

And the public deserves better than manipulation disguised as victimhood.

Thank you,

Shenna Younger

Gores, Loni

From: Gores, Loni
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2025 7:51 AM
To: Benedict, Bill; Boughton, Dee; Cameron, Ron; Fane, Alex; Fisch, Susan; Fleck, Rod; Gores, Loni; Hodgson, Mark; Holy, Christy; Morris, Patti; Noble, Chris; Pickett, Paul; Richards, Ron; Sarmiento, Nina; Stoffer, Jim; Tozzer, Jeff; Walde, Cathy
Subject: CRC Updated bylaws - December 22, 2025
Attachments: CRC Bylaws 2025 - Approed 12-22-25.pdf

Attached is a copy of the updated bylaws from the December 22, 2025 meeting. These have been updated on the website.

“My email address has changed! The new format is Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov Please update my contact card as your earliest convenience, Thank you!”

*Loni Gores
Clerk of the Board
Commissioners Office
223 East 4th Street, Suite 4
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Phone: 360-417-2256*

CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

2025 BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – OBJECT

These Bylaws are for the governance of the Clallam County Charter Review Commission and its committees and members.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS AND STAFF

Section 1. There shall be elected from the members of the Charter Review Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission," the following officers who shall serve for the period of time necessary to comply with Article XI of the Clallam County Charter.

- a. There shall be a Chair of the Commission whose duties shall be to convene and preside at all regular or special meetings, may act as a member of all committees and make all appointments to committees with the approval of the majority of members present at a Commission meeting. The Chair shall perform the duties specified in these Bylaws and other duties as may be found consistent with proper conduct of business.
- b. There shall be a First and Second Vice Chair, one chosen from each commissioner district other than the district represented by the Chair who may act as members of all committees and who may be selected to chair any committee and who shall perform such other duties as may be specified in these Bylaws or as may be assigned by the Commission.
- c. In the absence of the Chair from any meeting or public hearing, the duties and prerogatives of the Chair shall be carried out and performed by the First Vice Chair and in the absence of the Chair and the First Vice Chair, by the Second Vice Chair.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, First and Second Vice Chairs of the Commission, and such additional members selected by the Chair and approved by a majority of the Commission. Duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

- a. Make monthly status reports on the budget to the Commission.
- b. Oversee the activities of assigned staff to the Commission.
- c. Interview and recommend employment of consultants to the Commission for approval.
- d. Determine when a vacancy of the Commission exists.
- e. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commission for the orderly conduct of the business of the Commission.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held as established in the Rules and in compliance with RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meetings Act).

Section 2. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Commission in compliance with RCW 42.30.

Section 3. The Commission and committees may hold other meetings at such time and places as the Commission or committee may decide. Such meetings shall be accessible to the public and in compliance with RCW 42.30.

Section 4. Non-committee Commission members shall have no vote in committee, but may be allowed to speak on matters before the committee, subject to rules established by the Commission.

Section 5. Two public comment opportunities will be available at each meeting, subject to rules established by the Commission.

Section 6. Virtual meeting access (teleconferencing) shall be provided for all Commission meetings. A member may attend via teleconferencing.

Section 7. Commission records shall be maintained at the Clallam County website in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ARTICLE IV – RULES OF ORDER

Except as modified by these Bylaws and when not in conflict with municipal, state, or federal law, all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The Commission shall elect a parliamentarian from its members to assist it in its proceedings.

ARTICLE V – QUORUM, ABSENCES FROM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws a simple majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. A simple majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of the committee.

Section 3. An attendance record of all Commissioners attending Commission and committee meetings shall be kept.

ARTICLE VI – COUNSEL AND RESEARCH STAFF

Section 1. All inquiries or requests for legal opinions shall be referred to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office at the direction of the Commission or Executive Committee.

Section 2. Questions of review, study, or investigation by the staff of the Commission shall be referred to the staff by a member of the Executive Committee or a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Commission.

Section 3. If an attorney-client privileged or other confidential communication is received by the Commission by request at a public meeting or executive session, with respect to each such communication, the Commission shall vote at its next regular meeting whether such confidentiality shall be retained or waived. Unless and until a majority vote of the Commission to waive confidentiality occurs, no member of the Commission may disclose the content of such communication to any party other than members of the Commission and the author(s) of the communication.

ARTICLE VII – PARTICIPATION BY THE CHAIR

The Chair may discuss any matter as a member and shall be entitled to vote on all matters. On debate on the adoption of proposed Charter provisions section by section, or on the adoption of the amended Charter as a whole, the Chair shall relinquish the Chair while speaking on the question.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

Section 1. All votes shall be cast by voice, show of hands, or open roll-call vote. Except for those motions noted within Robert's Rules of Order that require two-thirds vote for passage, and except as otherwise provided for within these Bylaws, a majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient for the adoption of the motion.

Section 2. Any proposed Charter Amendments forwarded to the voters shall require a roll-call vote.

ARTICLE IX – ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE COMMISSION

Section 1. The following procedure shall be followed by the Charter Review Commission to propose Charter amendments to the Voters.

Step 1: GIVE NOTICE TO COMMISSION: A member or Committee shall provide a draft of the proposed Charter amendment to the Commission at a meeting. The proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda at a subsequent meeting scheduled by the Commission.

Step 2: HOLD MEETING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT: The proposed Charter Amendment will be considered by the Commission for their vote. If the Commission approves a final draft of the proposed amendment, the Commission shall schedule a final vote at a subsequent meeting scheduled by the Commission.

Step 3: GIVE NOTICE TO PUBLIC: Notice must be given to the public after the meeting at which the Commission approves a final draft of the proposed amendment and three days before the meeting at which the Commissioners will vote.

Step 4: HOLD MEETING TO ADOPT AMENDMENT: The proposed Charter Amendment shall be placed on the agenda for a roll-call vote by the Commission. A majority vote in favor of the proposed Charter amendment will be required to file such amendment with the Auditor for submission to the voters in the manner required by the Charter. The Commission shall

make no substantive changes to the language of a proposed amendment at this meeting. If the Commission decides to make substantive changes, the process returns to Step 2.

Section 2. The Charter Review Commission may forward recommendations (Charter 11.10.30) to the Clallam County Board of Commissioners by writing if adopted by a simple majority of the Charter Review Commission attending a regular or special meeting. The Commissioners(s) presenting the recommendation on behalf of the CRC, may only speak to the recommendation as voted by the CRC unless the Commissioner explains that she/he is expressing their personal opinion.

ARTICLE X – PUBLIC HEARINGS

Section 1. It is the desire of the Commission to hold as many public hearings as reasonable.

Section 2. The time and place of public hearings shall be fixed by the Commission. Such hearings will be rotated among the three commission districts as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

Section 3. The Chair, a Vice Chair, or in their absence, the designee of the members present, shall preside at public hearings conducted by the Commission or committees.

ARTICLE XI – PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Section 1. While any member has a right to express personal views and opinions pursuant to our constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech, statements purporting to represent the views or pronouncements of the Commission or committees thereof shall not be made except as directed or authorized by a majority of the entire Commission at any special or regular meeting or public hearing and provision shall be made for expression of minority views at the same time.

Section 2. The Chair may make public announcements of meetings or public hearings, and may authorize the issuance of fact statements relating to the Commission's work as the Chair may deem necessary.

ARTICLE XII – VACANCIES

Section 1. Vacancies on the Board occurring pursuant to the Clallam County Charter shall be determined by the Executive Committee and announced at a Commission meeting.

Section 2. Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to Article XI of the Clallam County Charter.

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES

The Commission may establish such standing committees and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary for the proper execution of the Commission's responsibilities. Committees shall have fewer Commission members than a quorum of the Commission. Members of each committee

shall elect a Chair from among their own number unless such Chair is named by the Commission.

Committees that are formed as per state law to write "For" and "Against" statements about amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission which will be included in the Voters Pamphlet, are NOT considered to be committees of the Charter Review Commission even though they may be members of the CRC.

ARTICLE XIV – ORDER OF BUSINESS

There shall be an "Order of Business" (Agenda) established in the rules.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by an affirmative vote of a majority but not less than eight (8) of the Commission members present at any regular or special meeting after written notice of the proposed action has been mailed, emailed, or delivered to members of the Commission at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and following posting of such proposed action on the Clallam County website.

Adopted: December 22, 2025

Gores, Loni

From: Richards, Ron
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 7:31 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Special Meeting

Hi Loni,

In all seriousness, please let me know what times are available next Tuesday or Wednesday, 12/30 or 12/31, in the Commissioner's hearing room for a special meeting of the Clallam County Charter Review Commission. I would like to attempt to call a special meeting for the purposes of (1) discussing Clallam County Budget Issues and Finance Department structure in general, and (2) why the existence of nearly a \$3 million dollar annual subsidy to the Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim for criminal justice matters was not disclosed to the Charter Review Commission by the County Commissioners or the County Administrator in any of their budget presentations to the Charter Review Commission, and (3) why such a subsidy was not disclosed to the citizens of Clallam County during deliberations on the current expense budget levy lid lift, and (4) how the existence of this subsidy, and the possible increase in revenue or decrease in expenses from the elimination of this subsidy, could have affected the Charter Review Commission's deliberations on proposed charter amendments, especially the water resources officer proposed charter amendment where funding issues played such a prominent role in opposition to the proposed amendment, and (5) to discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the County Commissioners on how this type of failure to disclose information might be avoided in the future.

Also please prepare the necessary notices, using the above description of what is to be discussed in the special meeting, so the notices could be given twenty-four hours ahead of time in the event that a majority of the commission calls for this special meeting, or if Chair Fisch might call on her own once she reads this email.

I first learned of this issue in a PDN article available at [Clallam requests new court contracts | Peninsula Daily News](#).

Thank you,

Ron Richards
CRC Commissioner, District 2
360-477-5367

Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8918 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Eric
Last Name	Fehrmann
Email	efehrm_3@hotmail.com
Phone	3608093716
Subject	Cirtique
Comments	Shame on those Clallam County Charter Review Commissioners for the castigation of a duly elected fellow commissioner. Instead of mentoring and encouraging fresh ideas, you made it clear that there is no room for opinions other than yours. Opposing ideas are to be immediately dismissed, whether from a commissioner or public commentor. I recently asked you to critique your work of the last year, one commissioner responded, and I repeat the request. Stare into the abyss.

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Gores, Loni

From: Sandra Cline <sanderella6981@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2025 8:12 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Special request meeting for charter review commission

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I am writing as a concerned citizen of Sequim- to ask that the Charter Review Commission please consider a special meeting request on either Dec. 30th or 31st as Commissioner Richards has suggested.

I understand that the year is nearly over, but the Clallam County citezens deserve your attention to this matter.

Your time and efforts would be greatly appreciated by the majority. Please consider. Thank you.

Sandra Cline
Sequim

Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, December 27, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8925 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Denise
Last Name	Lapio
Email	Dylapio@aol.com
Phone	760-297-0053
Subject	Re: CRC Special Meeting
Comments	To all Charter Review Commissioners:

Commissioner Ron Richards is calling for a special meeting of the CRC Commissioners to be held on December 30th or 31st regarding developing information about the County budgetary items that were not disclosed to the voters and taxpayers. The amount in question is approximately \$3,000,000, which is significant enough to qualify this Commission to reconvene for a special meeting. Many questions and concerns have arisen from the public that require immediate attention and answers from the CRC and the Board of County Commissioners. I understand that this is last minute at the end of your term, but you are still obligated to serve until December 31, 2025. Thank you for your urgent attention to this serious issue.

Denise Lapio

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Gores, Loni

From: Danni Breen <danni@olypen.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 6:22 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Charter Review Question

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Good morning Loni,

I understand the charter review can agree to meet again to attempt to shed some light on the recent county financial gains. I would appreciate that happening.

Thank you

Danni L Breen
360-460-1762

Gores, Loni

From: Teresa Crossley <tpenner8@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 8:08 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Special Meeting for Tuesday 12/30/25

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Charter Review Commissioner **Ron Richards** has called for a **special Charter Review Commission meeting** to address how MILLIONS in county revenue went undisclosed during budget deliberations and a levy-lid-lift vote. Unless the Chair calls it, **seven additional commissioners must agree.**

Attention ALL Commissioners!!!!

Please support and call for this SPECIAL MEETING.

We, the CC Citizens deserve to know this truth!

Thank you.

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

Gores, Loni

From: Duane Benedict <dubeben@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Charter Review Commissioners special meeting.

I urge all Charter Review Commissioners to ask for a Special Charter Review Commission meeting to address how millions in county revenue went undisclosed during budget deliberations and a levy-lid-lift vote.

This is unacceptable in today's world. No private sector could operate like this and our county should be operating above that level.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Duane Benedict

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Gores, Loni

From: Duane Benedict <dubeben@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 8:16 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Questions to CC Commissioners for Tuesday meeting, December 30th.

Dear Commissioners,

Please address the following in your upcoming meeting this next week on Tuesday December 30th.

Why weren't millions in interlocal revenue from Port Angeles and Sequim clearly included or disclosed in the county's budget forecasts before the levy lid lift vote?

(This should have all been completed way before any election to raise taxes was done.)

And going forward, what changes will you make to ensure all known revenue is fully and clearly presented to the public before decisions like tax increases are put on the table?

In addition, why are taxpayers paying out \$500,000 per year or more to a finance a three person finance team that appears can't do the job that the county auditor and treasurer used to do? If needed it seems like hiring one more person in that area to assist the auditor and/or treasurer would be way more effective and efficient.

We cannot afford these type of oversight and mistakes in today's economy.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Duane Benedict

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Gores, Loni

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 8:28 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Online Form Submission #8927 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Eric
Last Name	Fehrmann
Email	efehrm_3@hotmail.com
Phone	3608093716
Subject	Special Meeting
Comments	Clallam County Charter Review Commission I implore you to call a special meeting to address the issues involving mismanagement of funds by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners as proposed by one of your fellow commissioners, Ron Richards. This special meeting will give you the opportunity to address an issue which affects you and the rest of the citizens of Clallam County equally. It will also give you the opportunity to fulfill your obligation to serve us all in correcting a perceived lack of transparency displayed by our county representatives. Eric Fehrmann

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Gores, Loni

From: Rita <dgandrc51@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Cc: clallamityjen@gmail.com
Subject: Interlocal agreements and budget miracles

Clallam County's finance team overlooked interlocal agreements which should have reflected balanced budgets yet consecutive years of multi-million-dollar deficits were forecast.

This error likely caused unnecessary staff terminations, the Assessor's Office falling out of compliance with state mandates, increased taxes and fees on Clallam residents and weakened public safety.

Our ace three person finance team hired to oversee interlocal contracts and the budget did not exist before 2018 but costs taxpayers over \$500,000 per year in salaries and benefits. Do you suppose local taxpayers mind paying for a finance department to produce deficit forecasts while overlooking contract revenue that would have eliminated those manufactured deficits altogether?

Or perhaps it was your intent to get a levy lift all along, but "urgency" first needed to be developed.

Maybe Commissioner Ozias' praise of the finance team during an August 4th Levy Lid Lift Special Meeting was warranted when he stated *"This [3-year budget deficit forecast] is a remarkable body of work."*

Remarkable indeed.

Rita Cirulis

Gores, Loni

From: Jacob Seegers <seegers101@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 1:02 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Attn: All Carter Review Commissioners - Special Meeting

Charter Review Commissioners,

I would like to urge you to join CRC Commissioner Richards in calling, scheduling and attending a special meeting to address the topics in his email below.

Kind regards,

Jake Seegers

Hi Loni,

In all seriousness, please let me know what times are available next Tuesday or Wednesday, 12/30 or 12/31, in the Commissioner's hearing room for a special meeting of the Clallam County Charter Review Commission. I would like to attempt to call a special meeting for the purposes of (1) discussing Clallam County Budget Issues and Finance Department structure in general, and (2) why the existence of nearly a \$3 million dollar annual subsidy to the Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim for criminal justice matters was not disclosed to the Charter Review Commission by the County Commissioners or the County Administrator in any of their budget presentations to the Charter Review Commission, and (3) why such a subsidy was not disclosed to the citizens of Clallam County during deliberations on the current expense budget levy lid lift, and (4) how the existence of this subsidy, and the possible increase in revenue or decrease in expenses from the elimination of this subsidy, could have affected the Charter Review Commission's deliberations on proposed charter amendments, especially the water resources officer proposed charter amendment where funding issues played such a prominent role in opposition to the proposed amendment, and (5) to discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the County Commissioners on how this type of failure to disclose information might be avoided in the future.

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I first learned of this issue in a PDN article available at [Clallam requests new court contracts](#) | Peninsula Daily News .

Thank you,

Ron Richards
CRC Commissioner, District 2
360-477-5367

Gores, Loni

From: marolee diane smith <maroleedsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 28, 2025 3:35 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: to all of the elected Charter Review Members

Commissioner Richards is asking that you act to have another meeting.

This would be joining together *in the smallest act of kindness* (to not just the other commissioner, but the the people of Clallam County that you have let down with your sloppy, and awkward performance). You brought nothing of substance to the ballots, even though that was your directive. So, this, small meaningful contribution is important to the citizens of Clallam County.

Mr Richards is an elder statesman, with valuable expertise and knowledge. Please, work with him. It is important.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. (attributed to both Oscar Wilde and Kahlil Gibran)

Marolee Smith

Gores, Loni

From: Tony Corrado <tony.corrado@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2025 10:18 AM
To: Richards, Ron; Fisch, Susan; Hodgson, Mark; Holy, Christy; Cameron, Ron; Benedict, Bill; Stoffer, Jim; Tozzer, Jeff; Pickett, Paul; Sarmiento, Nina; Fleck, Rod; Walde, Cathy; Fane, Alex; Morris, Patti; Gores, Loni
Subject: Request for Special Meeting: Addressing Fiscal Transparency

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the Charter Review Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public regarding a matter of urgent importance that has recently come to light. It has become apparent that a potential \$3,000,000 annual boost to the County budget, along with possible reimbursements for past subsidies, was not disclosed to the Commission or the public during your deliberations this past year.

Throughout the Charter Review proceedings, much of the discussion was framed by the premise that the County lacked the necessary funds to implement certain proposed changes. To learn now that significant financial resources were seemingly overlooked—or at least not divulged—is deeply concerning.

I believe this issue requires the Commission's immediate attention for the following reasons:

- **Fiscal Transparency:** The public and the Commission must have a clear and accurate understanding of the County's financial health to make informed decisions about our governing documents.
- **Accountability in Finance:** There are serious questions regarding how the County's finance department failed to identify or address this issue earlier.
- **The Role of the Auditor:** This situation highlights a core structural debate: whether an independent County Auditor would have provided the oversight necessary to prevent such a lapse.

Because these revelations directly impact the integrity of the Charter Review process, I strongly urge you to join the call for a special meeting to discuss these findings and their implications for our County's future. **Our community deserves a Charter built on a foundation of full disclosure and rigorous fiscal oversight.** Thank you for your dedication to this process and for ensuring these concerns are given the weight they deserve.

Sincerely,
Tony Corrado

Gores, Loni

From: Clallamity Jen <clallamityjen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 2:13 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Charter Review Committee Special Meeting Request

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Regarding the extreme lack of oversight of financial matters in Clallam County and the need for a special meeting of the Charter Review Commission to address the issues:



TONIGHT ON UNSOLVED MYSTERIES OF CLALLAM COUNTY



**WHY DID THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FAIL
IN THEIR DUTIES, AND DOES THE
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION CARE
ENOUGH TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING**

Thank you!

From an overtaxed taxpayer of Clallam County

Gores, Loni

From: Liz Mason <mason_ll@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 6:22 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Charter Review Commissioners

To the Charter Review Commissioners,

I request a special meeting to address the **SERIOUS** lack of financial oversight in Clallam County.

Thank you,
Liz Mason

Gores, Loni

From: Barb Townsend <bmeehan36@olypen.com>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Meeting

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Special meeting for Charter Review Commission. The Financial situation needs to be addressed. Thank you Barbara Townsend Sent from my iPhone

Gores, Loni

From: sue coffman <doulasue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: support the meeting with Charter Review Commission (budget questions)

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I understand that Charter Review Commissioner **Ron Richards** has called for a **special Charter Review Commission meeting** to address how millions in county revenue went undisclosed during budget deliberations and a levy-lid-lift vote. Unless the Chair calls it, **seven additional commissioners must agree.**

I am speaking up as a member of the public who has been following what the CRC has been disclosing over this past year. I urge you to hold this special meeting.

Thank you,

Sue Coffman
concerned Clallam County citizen

Gores, Loni

From: Gores, Loni
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 1:12 PM
To: zElections; Boughton, Dee
Cc: Gores, Loni; Riggs, Shoona
Subject: CRC 2026 Ballot Submission - Voters Pamphlet
Attachments: Resolution Cover Sheet - Voters Pamphlet 2026 Ballot.pdf; CRC2025-005 - Voters Pamphlet.pdf

Elections:

Please see attached Resolution cover sheet and Charter Review Commission Resolution CRC2025-005. Per the Elections Guide for Jurisdictions & Candidates it directs us to submit to elections@clallamcountywa.gov

I will also deliver the cover sheet, original Resolution, and 5 copies to Shoona. Per the Clallam County Code 37.10.020 it directs us to file the full text of the proposed amendment and 5 copies to the Clallam County Auditor.

Please confirm receipt. Let me know if you need anything else from me at this time.

Thanks, Loni

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Resolution Cover Sheet

Please include this form with each resolution.

Name of District: Charter Review Commission

District Address: 223 East 4th Street, Ste. 4, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Date of Election: 2026 November Election

Contact Person/ Title: Loni Gores - Charter Review Commission Clerk

Contact Phone: 360-417-2256 Email: loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov

Attorney for District: Dee Boughton - Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney

Attorney Phone: 360-417-2720 Email: dee.boughton@clallamcountywa.gov

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Ballot measure for proposed amendment to the Clallam County Charter

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (simple majority, supermajority, 60% plus validation, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel:

Simple majority

Questions?

Clallam County Elections Division

Phone: 360-417-2217

Email: elections@clallamcountywa.gov

2025
Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Resolution Number 5

Proposed Charter Amendment Requiring Printing of the Full Text of Proposed
Charter Amendments in the Local Voters' Pamphlet

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission elected by the voters of Clallam County for the year 2025 finds that:

1. RCW 29A.32.210 requires each county auditor to print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet that provides information on all measures appearing on ballots within that county and specifies that "The format of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets.
2. RCW 29A.32.070(10) requires that the state voters' pamphlet contain the full text of each statewide measure on the ballot.
3. RCW 29A.32.241 requires that the "local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to . . . the text of each measure. . ."
4. The Clallam County Auditor has not always included the full text of proposed Charter amendments in the local voters' pamphlet, and the Prosecuting Attorney has opined that the full text need not be included in the local voters' pamphlet, just the text.
5. The difference in the meaning of "the full text" and the "text" is too vague to be certain that the voters of Clallam County will always be appropriately apprised of the meaning of proposed Charter amendments.
6. Rather than risk a proposed Charter amendment adopted by the voters of Clallam County being adjudged void for failure of the full text of the amendment having been printed in the local voters' pamphlet; and because the voters of Clallam County deserve the same opportunity to consider the terms of proposed charter amendments that the voters of the State of Washington have to consider the terms of proposed statewide initiatives; and to give effect of the terms of RCW 29A.32.210 that "the format of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets"; and to give effect to the terms of RCW 29A.32.241 that requires the "local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to . . . the text of each measure. . ."; and to err on the side of caution, it is best that the Clallam County Charter be amended to explicitly require the full text of any proposed Charter amendment be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

Therefore, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission hereby proposes that Section 11.20: Charter Amendment and Repeal, 11.20.10: General Provisions, of the Clallam County Charter be amended to read as follows:

Charter amendments may be proposed by the Commission, the County Commissioners or by the public. Any proposed Charter amendment shall be filed and registered by the Auditor and submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor. If more than one amendment is submitted on the same ballot, they shall be submitted in such a manner that the people may vote for or against the amendments separately; provided that an amendment which embraces a single or interrelated subject may be submitted as a single proposition even though it is composed of changes to one or more Articles. The full text of any proposed Charter amendment shall be printed in the local voters' pamphlet.

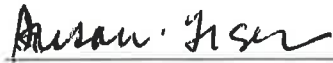
If a proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall be effective 10 days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the petition or ordinance proposing the amendment. Any implementing ordinance required by any Charter amendment shall be enacted by the County Commissioners within 180 days after the amendment is effective, unless the amendment provides otherwise.

Any language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing Clallam County Charter language and will be taken out of the Charter if this measure is approved by voters. Any underlined language does not appear in current Clallam County Charter language but will be added to the Charter if this measure is approved by voters.

Further, the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission, pursuant to Article XI, Sub-Sections 11.20.10 and 11.20.20 of the Clallam County Charter, and Clallam County Code Section 37.10.020, calls for:

1. The Clerk of the 2025 Charter Review Commission to cause this Resolution and the Charter amendment hereby proposed, and five copies of the same, to be filed with and registered by the Clallam County Auditor, along with the Resolution Coversheet required by the Clallam County Auditor; and
2. For the Charter amendment hereby proposed to be submitted to the voters at the next statewide general election occurring at least 90 days after registration of the proposed amendment by the Auditor.

This Resolution is passed and approved on this 22nd day of December, 2025, by the 2025 Clallam County Charter Review Commission.



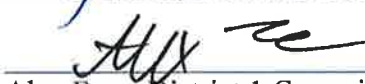
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Bill Benedict, District 1 Commissioner



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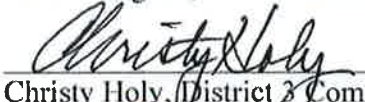
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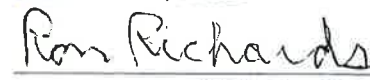
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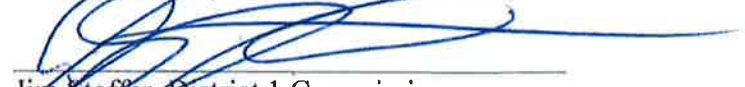
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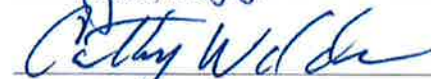
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Jim Stoffer, District 1 Commissioner



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Cathy Walde, District 3 Commissioner

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See attached.

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Todd Mielke, County Administrator

PRESS RELEASE **For Immediate Release** **Voters' Guide committee sought for the 2026 General Election**

The Board of Commissioners is seeking individuals to serve on "For" and "Against" Committees to draft voters' guide arguments for the **2026 General Election**.

Clallam's online guide and printed voter pamphlet includes a wealth of information designed to help voters better understand the voting process and measures when casting their ballots.

Each measure appearing in the guide and pamphlet includes the official ballot title, explanatory statement, and the arguments "for" and "against" the measure.

Individuals are needed to serve on the following committees:

- **"For" and "Against" Committees regarding an amendment requiring printing of the full text of proposed Charter amendments in the Local Voters' Pamphlet**

Interested parties should contact the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners by **Friday, January 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**
Email loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov or call 360-417-2256 if interested.

Please include your full name, phone number and which committee you would like to serve on.

Information on "For" and "Against" Committees can be found in the Elections Guide for Jurisdictions & Candidates at <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/164/Ballot-Measures> or by contacting the Elections Department at 360-417-2221

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Subject: FW: For and Against Committee Form - Ethics Review Board
Attachments: Ethics Review Board For and Against Committee Form 12-30-25.pdf

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Elections Department:

Please see the attached For and Against Committee form for the 2026 Ballot Measure – Ethics Review Board.

Please confirm receipt of this document.

Thanks, Loni

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Ethics Review Board Ballot Measure

Committee “For” and “Against” Appointment Form

Name of Jurisdiction/Proposition No.: Board of Commissioners - Clallam County Charter Review Commission

Jurisdiction Contact Name: Loni Gores - Clerk of Board of Commissioners and Charter Review Commission

Email: loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov Phone: 360-417-2256

Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Submit completed form to Clallam County Elections Division on or before the resolution submittal deadline: elections@clallamcountywa.gov
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines.
(Requirements and deadlines can be found in the Elections Guide for Jurisdictions and Candidates.)

Questions? Call (360) 417-2217

“For” Committee (1-3 members)	
*1st Committee Member:	
Name	
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Email	
drbdnz@gmail.com	
Phone	
530-945-9234	
Website	
N/A	
2nd Committee Member:	
Name	
Kathy Price	360-461-8913
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3rd Committee Member:	
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Name	
Cindy Kelly	
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3rd Committee Member:	
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**1st Committee Member must provide at least one method of contact, which will be published in the voters' guide/pamphlet.*

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Correspondences end page