



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person at North Bend City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: North Bend Commissioner Mike Kunz called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

Snoqualmie Commissioners: Gary Skiba, Paula Shively, Joelle Gibson, Nick Postiglione, Kristina Hudson, Nichole Pas, and Adrian Webb were present.

Mayor Mayhew and Councilmember Wotton were present.

Snoqualmie City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Mona Davis, Community and Economic Development Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; and Ashley Orre, Permit Technician.

North Bend Commissioners: Beth Burrows, Anne Granderson, Tad Haas, and Michael Kunz were present.

North Bend City Staff: James Henderson, Community and Economic Development Director; and Caitlyn Hepworth, Associate Planner.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kelly Coughlin spoke on the importance of new marketing, such as the “Coffee Passport and the Wellness Guide”.

LIAISON REPORT – CM Wotton Spoke on the importance of the Commission’s ideas being vital to the Snoqualmie City Council.

North Bend’s Community Development Director – spoke on the World Cup and Creative Economy.

Director Davis introduced Mayor Mayhew. She gave an update on the Hospital. She also informed the Commissions that Safeway on the Ridge will be opening a pharmacy.

Community Liaison Wiebe gave an update on business in the City of Snoqualmie. Director Davis joined the discussion and spoke on the new River Trail being a great addition to the downtown area. Commissioner Skiba joined the conversation and asked about the Creative Economy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Priority Identification “Dot Exercise” – North Bend Director Henderson presented the top economic priorities for North Bend. Director Davis proceeded to present the top economic priorities for the City of Snoqualmie. Commissioners from both North Bend and Snoqualmie participated in the exercise and chose their top priorities. Director Henderson went over the results of the exercise.
2. Breakout Discussions on Identified Priorities – Commissioners from both cities went into break-out sessions to discuss the top priorities selected in the “Dot Exercise”.

3. Economic Development Priority and Collaboration Discussion - After reconvening, the participants in the break-out groups shared their discussions with the Commissions. Commissioners and staff discussed the priorities and ways to implement their ideas. Chambers Chair Coughlin joined the discussion on finding funds to help drive visitors to both cities.
4. Next Steps – This item was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes prepared by Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant.

Minutes approved at the March 18, 2026, Economic Development Commission Meeting.

Economic Development Commission Meeting Special Meeting - Joint with City of North Bend