



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS
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Minutes

WABO Executive Board Meeting – February 09, 2026

1. Call to Order

The WABO Executive Board was called to order by President Ray Cockerham at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Conferencing.

2. Roll Call

The following officers were present:

Ray Cockerham	-	President
Todd Blevins	-	1st Vice President
Angela Haupt	-	2 nd Vice President
Andy Higgins	-	Immediate Past President

The following Directors were present:

Brian Smith	-	Certification & Registration
Micah Chappell	-	Technical Code Development
Andie Lorenz	-	Finance
Stacy Criswell	-	Outreach
Quyien Thai	-	Emergency Management
James Tumelson	-	Accreditation
Kurt Aldworth	-	Past President
C. Ray Allshouse	-	Past President
Trace Justice	-	Past President

The following Directors were absent:

Tim Woodard	-	Government Relations
Ryan Mumma	-	Education

The following management personnel were present:

Tara Jenkins	-	Executive Director
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3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Approval – February 09, 2026. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval – December 01, 2025. Approved unanimously.

4. **President Report.** President Ray Cockerham reported on meetings held with the SBCC and BIAW. A discussion was held on holding a meeting after legislative session with key stakeholders from both organizations.

5. **Business / Action Items –**

1. **WABO Business –**

a. **Legislative Update –** Stacy Criswell, Ray Allshouse, and Todd Blevins provided recaps on their legislative meetings with their representatives.

b. **Annual Business Meeting –**

i. **Professional Development –** Tara Jenkins announced that WAsafe committee will be providing a tabletop training exercise for Professional Development.

ii. **Awards –** A discussion was held on award recipients for 2026 for the following categories: Code Official of the Year, Associate of the Year, and Outstanding Education Achievement (Jurisdictional Outreach Award received no nominations). WABO Technical Consultant Jay Ponce will be acknowledged for his service at the ABM.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to award Johnathan Goldsmith code Official of the Year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to award Swasey Consulting Associate of the Year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to award Stephanie Day Outstanding Educational Achievement. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. **Incentives –** A WABO Oxford shirt was selected for the 2026 ABM meeting giveaway along with a WABO Uno pin.

iv. **Elections –** Tara Jenkins reminded board members to turn in the Leadership Nomination form if they plan on running for the 2026/2027 term.

v. **First Timers Orientation –** Andy Higgins requested that all board members and their companions (if they are in attendance) attend the First Timer Orientation. Feedback from previous years was positive and Andy would like to continue with this format.

- c. **COAP Fee Schedule** – Tara Jenkins presented the COAP Fee schedule based on WABO’s Dues & Fees Schedule Increase policy. James Tumelson reported the Accreditation Committee reviewed and approved it to move to the board for consideration.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the COAP Program Fee Schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **TCD Update** – Micah Chappell reported that participation has been good this code cycle. He reminded the board that the SBCC has delayed the 2024 code implementation date to May 3, 2027. Micah reminded the board of the TCD Scholarship deadline and encouraged individuals to apply and attend the public comment hearings in Hartford, CT. He reported that several public comments have been submitted and registration for the Public Comment Hearings are open. He also reminded board members that the ICC government voting validation deadline is March 19, 2026. Micah reported that Seattle and he believe Bellevue will move forward with creating their own 2024 Custom Codes. Angela Haupt informed the board that she is willing to help proofread the State Custom Codes for the SBCC (after the initial content is incorporated in the documents). Dustin Curb will be asking for volunteers to help proofread to help minimize mistakes in the codes.

- i. **TDC Technical Consultant** – Micah Chappell reported that TCD Consultant Jon Siu has committed to another code cycle (2030 for ICC and 2027 for State codes) which will be approximately 4 more years.

- e. **Education Committee** – Tara Jenkins informed the board that registration is very low due to the SBCC code implementation delay. Early Bird Registration is February 13, 2026. She reported that all classes have met the minimum class size except for one which was highlighted on the reminder notice that was distributed to membership to encourage registrations. The board mentioned that WCIA has scholarship reimbursements available for jurisdictions attending the Annual Education Institute.

- f. **C & R Update** – Brian Smith reported that he attended Jay Ponce’s funeral along with other Building Officials and individuals from the Special Inspection Industry. Brian reported that he will ask for input from the SIRP Advisory Board for the acknowledgment that will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Brian reported that the WSEC-R Plans Examiner Certification Program is ready to launch, and he will announce the program at the Annual Business Meeting. He also reported that we are still waiting for Lisa Rosenow to provide some images/graphics for the plan reading portion of the Commercial written exam before that program can launch. Brian informed that he held a conversation with

WABO Technical Consultant, Gary Schenk, who reported the workload would be manageable for the foreseeable future. An RFP for a second technical consultant will be considered in the future.

- g. **Outreach Update** – Stacy Criswell reminded the board that the Legacy Scholarship deadline is February 13, 2026, and encouraged application submittals for new staff members.
- h. **WABO Website Proposal** – Tara Jenkins reported the current website WABO utilizes cannot support an ACH option for payments. She reminded the board that effective July 1, 2026, WABO will start collecting a credit card processing fee to help offset merchant fees and incorporate ACH as a zero-transaction fee option for digital payments. A discussion was held on the proposal submitted by a local web developer and the ‘control rights’ WABO will have with this local developer.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Web Developer Proposal as presented and allocate \$11,449 from reserves to fund proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

- i. **Other** – James Tumelson requested the future Agenda reference ICC Business in place of Issues.

2. ICC Issues –

- a. **ICC ABM** – Tara Jenkins informed the board of the chapter reward vouchers that WABO can utilize for members to attend the ICC ABM. The following individuals will be attending using these vouchers: Stacy Criswell, Brian Smith, Ray Cockerham, Angel Haupt (may not need full voucher), Kurt Aldworth (will utilize if extra voucher is available). Andie Lorenz and Tim Woodard may request to utilize vouchers. Todd Blevins will be attending and utilize the Chapter President registration.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The Executive Director prepared the proposed Minutes. Written documents or reports referred to in the Minutes are on file in the association office.