

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Economic Vitality Commission**

6:00 PM  
 February 10, 2026

**MINUTES**

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.  
 NW, Issaquah

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

Chris Reichley, Chair  
 Kymberly Lee, Vice Chair (Excused)  
 Robert Lerch (Excused)  
 Jake Magill  
 Jennifer Larson (Excused)  
 Anuradha Tanepalli (Excused)  
 Shalini Bansal (Excused)  
 Barb Pexa  
 Kelly Richardson

*Administration/Staff:*

Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development  
 & Housing Manager  
 Jack Pedlow, Economic Development  
 Coordinator

Don Crowe, Alternate (Virtual)

*Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.*

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct business that would have occurred at the February 18 regular meeting, rescheduled in observance of the beginning of Ramadan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR REICHLEY called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of November 19

The minutes of November 19 were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment at this meeting

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **2026 EVC Chair Elections**

*Presented by:*

*Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development Manager*

Chris Reichley was nominated and unanimously approved by a vote of 5 yes votes to 0 no votes to be the vice chair of the EVC. Chair Reichley nominated Kelly Richardson to be the Vice Chair where Vice Chair Richardson was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

**b) Issaquah Business Disaster Preparation**

*Presented by:*

*Jared Schneider, Emergency Manager & King County Disaster Preparation Team*

Jared Schneider and Natalie Seitz from King County presented on the impacts the City of Issaquah faced from the 2025 Issaquah Creek flooding. On top of that, we heard of the impacts for future flood risk reduction measures in Issaquah.

- Natalie encouraged businesses that are in the flood plain to reach out to King County to make sure they are getting detailed information from businesses.
- Jared encouraged businesses to make sure to reach out to the EOC during an event so that up-to-date information is reaching city and regional resources.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM as quorum was lost at this time.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, 2026.

**INQUIRIES**

Please contact the Economic Development staff at [ED@issaquahwa.gov](mailto:ED@issaquahwa.gov).

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*Note: Times listed for meetings topics are approximate and items are subject to change.*