

MINUTES
BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025
COREY WELCH'S HOUSE

✓ Corey Welch, <i>President</i>	✓ Deborah Arthur, <i>Director</i>	✓ Lucas Senger, <i>Director</i>
✓ Charli Daniels, <i>Vice President</i>	✓ Kathy Bell, <i>Director</i>	✓ Adrienne Stewart, <i>Director</i>
✓ Carol Comeau, <i>Past President</i>	✓ Charles Halka, <i>Director</i>	✓ Gail Ridenour, <i>Executive Director</i>
✓ Gena Mikkelsen, <i>Treasurer</i>	Ken Harrison, <i>Director</i>	✓ Yaniv Attar, <i>Music Director</i>
✓ Mark Tomko, <i>Secretary</i>	✓ Sandra Payton, <i>Orchestra Representative</i>	
	✓ Garland Richmond, <i>Director</i>	
	✓ Toni Sandler, <i>Director</i>	
	✓ Ted Schuman, <i>Director</i>	

Guests: Philip Thomas, Stuart Jameison, James Ray

REPORTS REFERRED TO BELOW ARE POSTED TO THE SHARED DRIVE FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO MEETING.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER:	Corey Welch called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. and read the land acknowledgement.
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mark Tomko	The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the June 18th, 2025 BOD meeting. ACTION: Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote
TREASURER'S REPORT: Gena Mikkelsen	See attached reports for details. Highlights: • FY24-25 is over • June cash flow was in the red but expected • Reconciliation discrepancy of about \$1000, investigation in progress • Ending \$4000 in the red for the year, much better than \$96K budgeted
EXECUTIVE REPORT: Gail Ridenour	See attached report for details. Highlights: • Gail is working with MBT on security procedures, meeting planned in August • MBT is testing out new procedures in August before the first BSO concert

	• MBT security policies have not changed, but screening procedures have updated • BSO does not currently have a weapons policy at all • Office space planning underway with help from an architect • Pre/post concert events planned and filling quickly • Single tickets for the 25-26 go on sale in August • Subscriptions well ahead of budget! • New orchestra shells accepted from a school in Vancouver, B.C.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:	<i>No standing committees requested to report for the July meeting.</i>
BOARD DEVELOPMENT:	League of American Orchestras poster walk League of American Orchestras discussion Retreat planning
NEW BUSINESS:	Piano replacement - add-on concert piano soloist Options: Yuja Wang, Emmanuel Ax, Hélène Grimaud A new Steinway piano is ~\$230K, but a new piano must be played to develop the sound. We have received recommendations to get a used piano. ACTION: Ted Schuman moved to authorize the orchestra to approach a globally recognized pianist with a fee limit of \$80K. Carol Comeau seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Installation of new officers
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.
NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	Next board meeting: August 20, 2025
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors, Secretary attests and approves these minutes.