

MINUTES
BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026
BSO OFFICE

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

Guests: Dr. Frederick Mabalot, Chris Attebery

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER:	Charli Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
BOARD DEVELOPMENT	Meet & Greet with Chorus Director and Manager- Kathy Bell & Toni Sandler League of American Orchestras resources - Kathy Bell & Toni Sandler
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mark Tomko	The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the January 14th, 2026 BOD meeting. ACTION: Toni Sandler moved to approve the minutes from the January BOD meeting. Phillip Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Gena Mikkelsen	See attached reports for details. Highlights: • Development is going well, 2 month increase in cash was ~\$88K • Bond maturing, will review options with Finance committee in April • Finance and executive committees reviewed the draft budget for next fiscal year and approved it to be presented to the board

	- Budgeted for a loss of \$32K in January and February, actuals were in the black at \$43K - We're on track to do better than budgeted for the current fiscal year
EXECUTIVE REPORT: Gail Ridenour	See attached report for details. Highlights: - Yo-Yo Ma insurance quotes came in; all policies covering a "no-show" require his personal signature - LIFE Aesthetic Center is a first-time concert sponsor for the Smitten concert in February - BYCP concert coming up on March 22nd - Matching campaigns began, please contact Gail if you would like to contribute - Book club coming up on April 15th - MBT Tour on March 31st, please RSVP A significant discussion followed and the possibility and associated pros and cons of pursuing an insurance policy for the YYM concert. ACTION: Phillip Thomas moved to authorize Gail to pursue the first insurance option listed in the report as "option 1" (discussed verbally as option 1a to distinguish from a second option listed as option 1). Toni Sandler seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Piano Task Force - Gail Ridenour - See attached report for details Youth Symphony Task Force - Gail Ridenour - See attached report for details Players' Committee - Phillip Thomas - See attached report for details Governance Committee - Carol Comeau - Amendments to bylaws to be voted upon in May - New board member application to be voted upon in May Strategic Planning Committee - Debbie Arthur - See attached report for details

NEW BUSINESS	51st Season Draft Budget - Gail Ridenour Discussion of Possible Future Soloist - Gail Ridenour ACTION: Gena moved to book the soloist discussed to open the 52nd season. Kathy Bell seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.
NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	Next board meeting: May 13, 2026 • Mount Baker Theater Tour: 3/31/2026 @ 4:30 p.m. - MBT • BSO Book Club: 4/15/2026 @ 6:00 p.m. - Village Books Fairhaven • Salon Bravissimo: 4/25/2026 @ 4:00 p.m. - Amendment 21 at The Hotel Leo • Concert V Yo-Yo Ma: 4/26/2026 @ 7:00 p.m. - MBT • VIP Reception: 4/26/2026 @ 5:00 p.m. - Chuckanet Distillery Ballroom
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors, Secretary attests and approves these minutes.