

MINUTES
BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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: Luke Gavin

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER:	Carol Comeau called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
BOARD DEVELOPMENT	Youth Programs - Luke Gavin Highlights: • 1,000 kids in attendance for Classical Kids • Meet a musician and storytime programs • Activity booklets provided for kids • BYCP showing growth, participants succeeding elsewhere • Soloist in Schools reaches Whatcom and Skagit counties • Trailblazers showcases diverse repertoire Board Buddies Check-In - deferred to July
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mark Tomko	The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the March 18th, 2026 BOD meeting. ACTION: Garland Richmond moved to approve the minutes from the January BOD meeting. Sandra Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gena Mikkelsen	See attached reports for details. ACTION: Gena Mikkelsen made a motion to transfer \$200,000 from Peoples' Bank account to Waycross Investments. Sandra Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
EXECUTIVE REPORT: Gail Ridenour	See attached report for details. Highlights: • The Yo-Yo Ma concert was a tremendous success! A significant discussion followed regarding the success of the concert and the impact it had on musicians and audiences. ACTION: Philip Thomas moved to authorize Gail to reengage YYM for future concerts via a standing offer. Gena Mikkelsen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Piano Task Force - Gail Ridenour ACTION: Philip Thomas made a motion to authorize the symphony to purchase the piano selected by the piano task force. Gena Mikkelsen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Youth Symphony Task Force - Gail Ridenour • See attached report for details Governance Committee - Carol Comeau ACTION: Sandra Payton moved to approve the executive committee members proposed for 2026-2027: Carol Comeau, President; Kathy Bell, Vice President; Corey Welch, Past President; Gena Mikkelsen, Treasurer; Mark Tomko, Secretary. Garland Richmond seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Ted Schuman moved to approve the applications of Barbara Ryan, Larry Halka, and Richard Hodges to the BSO Board of Directors. Ken Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Kathy Bell moved to approve the updates to the bylaws and policies and procedures as detailed in the report. Sandra Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS	51st Season Budget - Gail Ridenour Pending the evaluations of both the AD and ED, a budget amendment for compensation increases will be put forth at the next meeting. ACTION: Garland Richmond moved to approve the draft budget for FY2027 as presented. Kathy Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.
NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	Next board meeting: July 15, 2026 • Dueling Pianos: 5/30/2026 @ 1:30 p.m. - MBT • At-home Dinner: 5/30/2026 @ 6:00 p.m. - Jill Whitman's home • Concert VI <i>Fireworks - An American Celebration</i>: 5/31/2026 @ 3:00 p.m. - MBT • Independence Day: 7/4/2026 @ 4:00 P.M. - Zuanich Park
MINUTES APPROVAL (PENDING):	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors, Secretary attests and approves these minutes. Notes for these minutes recorded by Charles Halka.