

MINUTES
BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
BSO OFFICE

✓ Carol Comeau, <i>President</i>	✓ Charles Halka, <i>Director</i>	Lucas Senger, <i>Director</i>
✓ Kathy Bell, <i>Vice President</i>	✓ Larry Halka, <i>Director</i>	✓ Adrienne Stewart, <i>Director</i>
✓ Corey Welch, <i>Past President</i>	✓ Kate Manthey, <i>Director</i>	✓ Philip Thomas, <i>Director</i>
Gena Mikkelsen, <i>Treasurer</i>	✓ Sandra Payton, <i>Orchestra Representative</i>	✓ Gail Ridenour, <i>Executive Director</i>
✓ Mark Tomko, <i>Secretary</i>	✓ Richard Hodges, <i>Director</i>	Yaniv Attar, <i>Music Director</i>
	✓ Barbara Ryan, <i>Director</i>	
	✓ Toni Sandler, <i>Director</i>	

Guests: (none)

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 5:38 P.M..
BOARD DEVELOPMENT	• Introductions & New Board Members • Music Preview - Bolero (Charlie Halka) • Artistic Plan (Gail Ridenour) ACTION: Toni Sandler moved to approve the 2027-2028 Artistic Plan as presented to the board. Mark Tomko seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mark Tomko	The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the August 15th, 2026 BOD retreat. ACTION: Adrienne Stewart moved to amend the draft minutes to correct a typo in the motion regarding Waycross bonds in the Treasurer's Report section of the August minutes. The minutes as amended were approved by unanimous voice vote.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Gail Ridenour	See attached reports for details. - Income and expenses both tracking slightly lower than budgeted for the year so far - Net is slightly in the black, ahead of budget
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Governance Committee: (Kathy Bell) See attached report for details. Highlights: - Board development topics for this year are set - Working on a paradigm for board recruitment - Overview of governing documents is underway ACTION: Barbara Ryan moved to accept the application of Dejah Griffin to join the board of directors. Adrienne Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Engagement & Development Committee: (Kathy Bell) See attached report for details. Highlights: - Committee set goals for the coming season - Capital campaign goals set including legacy circle, endowments, and support for educational efforts - Planning for the purchase of a new celesta (2 years away) - New health & wellness initiative started, creating a small subgroup.
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	The meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.
NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	Next board meeting: November 18, 2026 @ 5:30 - BSO Book Club: 9/23/2026 @ 6:00 - Village Books, Fairhaven - Classical Kids I: 10/3/2026 @ 11:00 - MBT

	• Concert I: 10/4/2026 @ 3:00 - MBT • BYCP Fall Recital: 11/8/2026 @ 6:30 - WWU PAC Rm. 16 • BSO Book Club: 11/11/2026 @ 6:00 - Village Books, Fairhaven
MINUTES APPROVAL (PENDING):	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors attests and approves these minutes.