

Bi-Monthly Food Policy Forum Meeting Agenda

WASHINGTON STATE
FOOD POLICY FORUM

Thursday, February 5, 2026 • 1:00–4:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612414337?pwd=U3M6Uq7O6lWv2LNFmBPH5XBVII9jBF.1>

Meeting ID: 161 241 4337, **Passcode:** 739992

Objectives

- Discuss intersections of the Forum’s work with statewide programmatic efforts and the policy landscape.

- Review topical team progress on advancing 2025-27 topical priorities and share insights from applying equity considerations to proposed actions.

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| 1:00 – 1:10 PM | Welcome & Get Settled (Facilitator and Chair) (10 min.) |
| 1:10 – 1:20 PM | Updates & Announcements (10 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership updates |
| 1:20 – 2:50 PM | Progress Toward Forum 2025-2027 Priorities (90 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams will have the opportunity to share ideas they are wrestling with and learnings from applying the Forum’s <u>Equity Filter</u> to proposed actions |
| 2:50 – 3:00 PM | Break (10 min.) |
| 3:00 – 3:30 PM | Legislative Session Updates (30 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief of the December 5th and January 13th work sessions/committee meetings where Forum presented• Round robin updates from Forum members |
| 3:30 – 3:50 | WSDA Support on Agricultural Viability Study (20 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Madison Roy and Kelly McLain from WSDA will share results from the study |
| 3:50 – 4:00 PM | Closing Reflections & Adjourn (Facilitator and Vice Chair) (10 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversifying Voices team reflection• Next Forum meeting: April 2, 2026 |

Washington State Food Policy Forum

The Forum serves as a collaborative venue for advancing food system change across Washington. Established in statute in 2020, the Forum brings together diverse stakeholders from agriculture, conservation, nutrition, public health, and government to identify and address pressing food system challenges. Since 2019, the Forum has produced recommendation reports and letters to the Legislature, which it continues to expand upon. See *Forum reports and resources here: www.scc.wa.gov/food-policy*

Forum Priorities for 2025–27

Following a multi-phase planning process beginning in April 2025, the Forum established five teams to advance the following priorities for the 2025-27 biennium:

Team Name	2025-27 Topical Priorities
Impacts of Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Supply for Agriculture and Food Production• Climate Resilience for Agriculture and Food Production
Agricultural Land Protection and Availability and Next Generation Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Succession Planning and Incentives
Alleviating Barriers to Small and Mid-Scale Farm Viability and Market Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
Regional Food Infrastructure and Institutional Procurement for Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public-Private Partnership Models for Infrastructure Finance• Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Coordination
Food Insecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food System Coordination for Food Security• Eligibility and Access for Food Assistance Programs