



**SPOKANE COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 15, 2024**

<b>Steering Committee of Elected Officials Voting Members Present</b>	<b>Steering Committee of Elected Officials Non-Voting Members Present</b>	<b>Spokane County Staff Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Chair, Mayor Kevin Freeman, City of Millwood</li> <li>-Vice Chair, Commissioner Al French, Spokane County</li> <li>-Council Member Rod Higgins, City of Spokane Valley (present via zoom)</li> <li>-Council Member Michael Cathcart, City of Spokane</li> <li>-Council Member Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane</li> <li>-Commissioner Josh Kerns, Spokane County</li> <li>-Commissioner Amber Waldref, Spokane County</li> <li>-Council Member Micki Harnois (present via zoom)</li> <li>-Mayor Cris Kaminskas, City of Liberty Lake (present via zoom)</li> <li>-Council Member Paul Dillon, City of Spokane (present via zoom)</li> <li>-Council Member Larry Bowman, City of Airway Heights</li> <li>-Deputy Mayor Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Joel White, Spokane Homebuilders Association, Citizen-at-Large</li> <li>-Tim Murrell, Representing Water Districts (present via zoom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Laurie Carver, Planning Business Manager</li> <li>-Elya Miroshin, Clerk</li> <li>-Scott Chesney, AICP, Director of Planning</li> <li>-Jessica Pilgrim, Legal Counsel</li> <li>-Tate Andrie, Planner</li> <li>-Bongo Thompson, Planner</li> </ul>

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 15, 2024, public hearing of the Steering Committee of Elected Officials was called to order by Vice Chair Commissioner Al French at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Chair Freeman took the gavel at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting was accessible to the public at the City of Spokane Central Library Event Room A, located at 906 West Main Avenue, Spokane, WA, 99201, and via Zoom, with web and telephone links provided in the Spokesman-Review on April 30, 2024.

**MOTION**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

## **MOTION**

Vice Chair Commissioner French entertained a motion to adopt the March 20, 2024, minutes. So moved by Mayor Hattenburg; seconded by Commissioner Waldref. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mike Ulrich and Heather Trautman presented to the Steering Committee of Elected Officials (SCEO) a recommendation from the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on the first-round population allocation for the year 2046 using OFM's medium population forecast. The recommendation is a multi-step process.

Round one will allocate population by creating a linear trend for each jurisdiction, adjust 2046 numbers to ensure the total countywide population is OFM's medium forecast, and make needed adjustments to avoid negative growth.

In round two, each jurisdiction will complete its own Land Capacity Analysis including other studies and adjust the numbers according to its ability to serve.

Five-year update requirement questions were asked and answered.

**Chairman Freeman opened the public hearing of the Initial Jurisdictional Population Allocation for the Spokane County planning period of 2026-2046.**

No comments were received.

**Chairman Freeman closed the public hearing on the Initial Jurisdictional Population Allocation for the Spokane County planning period of 2026-2046.**

## **MOTION**

Council member Klitzke moved to recommend the Initial Jurisdictional Population Allocation for the Spokane County planning period of 2026-2046 to the Board of County Commissioners; seconded by Deputy Mayor Hattenburg. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **WORKSHOP**

**Coordinated Water System Plan:** Mr. Chesney briefly reviewed the Draft Interlocal Agreement between cities, towns, and Spokane County for updating and funding of the Coordinated Water System Plan.

Discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered.

**Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) on Housing Policy & Housing Allocation Alternatives:** Bongo Thompson, Tate Andrie, and Heather Trautman presented and discussed the Growth Management Act (GMA) housing requirements along with the three proposed Commerce suggested methodologies "A" and "B" by using the Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT) provided by Commerce as well.

Discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered.

**MOTION**

Commissioner French moved to recommend that the PTAC members explore a new method "C" for allocating housing, seconded by council member Bowman.

Discussion ensued. The motion was carried unanimously.

A subcommittee to update the Housing CPP was suggested by the SCEO members. Commissioner Waldref and Mayor Cooper offered to participate.

**Tribal Participation:** Heather Trautman presented the Letter of Intent received from the Kalispel Tribe of Indians for participation in the Spokane County Steering Committee (SCEO) and the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC). The Spokane Tribe of Indians conveyed their wishes to participate as well.

**MOTION**

Commissioner French suggested a motion to open the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the addition of both the Spokane Tribe of Indians and the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. So moved by council member Cathcart; seconded by council member Klitzke. No discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following SCEO members agreed to form a sub-committee to update the ILA: Commissioner French, Deputy Mayor Hattenburg, council member Klitzke, council member Bowman, and council member Cathcart.

**2024 Urban Growth Area (UGA) Map:** Mr. Chesney previewed the SCEO members with a UGA map that outlined the UGA area, the joint planning area, the incorporated area, and the urban reserve zones.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Johnson spoke on behalf of the Air Force Base.

**Commissioner French moved to adjourn, seconded by council member Klitzke. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024.**

  
Spokane County Steering Committee of Elected Officials, Chair Mayor Freeman

7/17/2024  
Date

Scott Chesney, AICP, Planning Director 

Elya Miroshin, SCEO Clerk, Spokane County Building & Planning