



Human Services Commission Agenda

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Thursday, February 5, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Land Acknowledgement

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

4. Approval of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, and Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of January 8, 2026, meeting minutes

5. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

6. Regional Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Meeting

A. Thurston County Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Household Report

Chris Wells, Thurston County United Way Executive Director

B. Washington Department of Financial Institutions Overview and Financial Wellness Workshops

Veronica Hand, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Manager
Nathan Spiecker, Financial Education & Outreach Coordinator, DFI

C. Thurston Forward DEIB Summit Update

Veronica Hand, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Manager
Carol Goss, Membership and DEI, Thurston County League of Women Voters
Denise Miño, Organizational Development Consultant

D. Jurisdictional Updates and Regional Discussion

7. Adjourn

Attendance and Public Comment

Attend Remote or In-Person

There are several ways to attend the Human Services Commission Meeting:

In-Person:	Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1vzwy8l6QUWwgUQejwzTTQ
City Website:	https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhxnNPvrceY
Phone:	(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 817 3689 0758)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

The opportunity for verbal public comment is available in-person or by Zoom:

In-Person:	Use the sign-up sheet located in the meeting room.
Zoom:	Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1vzwy8l6QUWwgUQejwzTTQ

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Please email written public comments to HumanServices@cityoflacey.org. The commenting period will close two hours before the meeting time. Members will receive all written public comments provided by this deadline. Comments may not be addressed during the meeting. All comments are part of the official record.



Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Executive Board Room and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brandon Stephens, Chair; Angelina Goldwell, Vice Chair (remote); Commissioners Nancy Dihle, Tiffany Walker, and Lester Dickson; and Jennifer Zheng, Youth Council Representative

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dalia Martinez

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager; Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator; and Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Stephens presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, and Consent Items

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of November 6, 2025, meeting minutes

Chair Stephens moved to approve the agenda of January 8, 2026, and the minutes of November 6, 2025. Commissioner Dihle seconded. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No one registered to speak remotely or in person, and no written comments were received.

6. Business Items

A. Welcome Youth Council Member Jennifer Zheng

Commissioners welcomed Youth Council Representative Jennifer Zheng, who introduced herself.

B. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Update and Recommendation

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez provided an update on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, including the 2025-2027 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan. The total 2025 allocation was \$348,393. Options for use of CDBG funding were summarized. Staff recommends proposing Option 1 for City Council approval. Option 1 provides \$313,554 in capital project funding for expansion of the Lacey Senior Center parking lot, designates a contingency project for Huntamer Park Accessibility and Sidewalk Improvements, and allocates \$34,839 for administration of the CDBG program.

Chair Stephens moved the Commission recommend Option 1 to the City Council as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded. The motion carried.

C. Human Services Grant Program (HSGP) Update

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented an update on the Human Services Grant Program (HSGP), including a proposed 2026 timeline and consideration of refinements to the HSGP policy. Focus groups are scheduled for 2026 and commissioner participation is encouraged. Commissioners discussed the process for applicant presentations and application scoring.

D. Director's Report

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

1. Regional DEIB Advisory Board Meeting Update

Chavez reported that the Human Services Commission is invited to host the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Regional Meeting during the next Human Services Commission meeting in February. The Commission on Equity would also participate, as would representatives of the United Way. Human Services Commissioners would participate as facilitators and note takers.

2. Human Services Commission 2026 Work Plan

Chavez reported that the Human Services Commission annual work plan is under construction and is expected to be discussed at a future meeting. The recruitment is underway to fill the commission's single vacancy, for which three applications have been received and are under review.

7. Adjourn

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.