

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Governance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

**Present:** Governors Kevin Fay (chair), Parvin Price, Francis Adewale, Kari Petrasek, Sunitha Anjilvel, staff liaisons Cate Schur, Darlene Neumann. **Excused:** Nam Nguyen. **Absent:** Todd Bloom.

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by the chair.

#### Minutes

The minutes of January 14, 2026, were approved.

#### Political Activity Bylaw Amendments

The committee reviewed the amendments and agreed the changes reflected the discussion at the last BOG meeting. Parvin Price moved to approve the amendments for submission to the BOG at its March 6 meeting. Seconded by Sunita Anjilvel. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

#### Review of Clean-ups to Bylaws

Tabled for consideration at future meetings. The chair noted the best approach would be to work on substantive policy changes first and incorporate format changes later.

#### Quorum Issues for Sections and Committees

The committee considered voting requirements for sections, section executive committees, and other bar committees. The committee discussed methods to make it easier for committees to take action, specifically allowing voting by email. Key points discussed: requiring votes to be public and whether a no vote or objection to the email voting process should trigger in-person meetings, debate/discussion by email, and accounting for abstentions.

The committee also discussed lowering the quorum threshold as another possible resolution. Committee members noted more information and research was needed, including finding out about the quorum practices of sections and committees.

#### Next Steps:

- Chair will refine the email voting proposal.
- Staff will investigate the quorum questions (threshold and best practices).

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2026.