



V-MCC: *Many Voices. Collective Action. Stronger Together.*

Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, September 4, 2025 Minutes

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Location: Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd, and on Zoom
(*In-person attendance is strongly encouraged.*)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Minutes were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.

Networking occurred before the board meeting

President: Confirmed that Zoom Recording, AI Summarization, and Close Captioning all have been initiated.

Call to order, roll call for quorum (*a majority of the BOD is required, 4 presently*)

Present:

JC Graham

Nicole Erica Áine

Jennifer Hrachovec

Jessica Anakar

Doug Ostrom

Ann Thorn

Land Acknowledgment was read – *Doug Ostrom*

Finalized minutes of *previous* Board of Directors meeting: [August 7, 2025](#)

1st: Ann Thorn, 2nd: Jen Hrachovec, For: 6, Opposed: 0

Optional Self-introductions of new guests

Kevin Jones

Diane Emerson

Finalize agenda for *this* Board of Directors meeting

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Doug Ostrom, For: 6, Opposed: 0

Officer Reports (Approximately 5 minutes each)

- **Secretary (Jen Hrachovec)**
 - Continuation with info@v-mcc.org. It was decided to continue using this email address.
- **Treasurer (Ann Thorn), included:**
 - Accountant will try wave accounting software
 - We will continue PayPal account for now
- **President (JC Graham)**
The President's report was provided with the agenda.

Appointment to Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee (VFAC)

Motion: Appoint Gary English to Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Nicole Erica Áine, approved by acclamation

Next step: Council to vote on appointment.

Action: JC to notify Gary English of board approval, cc current VFAC members and Jessica Anakaar

Sector Reports

For our 2025 Sector Presentations Schedule see Addendum 1.

- **Multi-Generational Islanders** (Jessica Anakar) - housing is less affordable for multigenerational families compounded by wages in on-island service jobs. A uniting issue is clean water and drinking water.
- **Culture, Art, History and Recreation** (Ann Thorn) - the King County Parks Levy allocated \$75k annually to island parks and expanded access to additional grants for park improvements. Barb McMahon is working to find more information on how to access grants. At a recent public meeting improvements to the public pool including ADA compliance were discussed.

Committee Reports

- **Communications Committee of the Board** (Jen Hrachovec)
 - [9/11/2025 Agenda](#)
 - Exploring WIX integration with mailchimp, which may include automation of letter to new members
 - [8/14/2025 Minutes](#) (draft)

Old Business

- A plan was made to finalize the letter to King County regarding the proposed SCAP amendments. Action: Jessica Anakar to send, cc JC Graham. He will forward it to Karen Bruebeck at Puget Sound Energy.
- **Confirmation of Unanimous Email Votes:**
 - [Communications Committee of the Board Charter](#) was approved
 - Technology Watch & Response Advisory Committee Charter was approved
 - 148-Word Description of V-MCC was approved
- **Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities**
(Addendum 2) - Carried over from the July 3 Board meeting. Approved unanimously.
- **Schedule starting fundraising auction** (Ann Thorn) - need to finalize setup on Zeffy including connect to payment methods. Revisit in October.
- **Approval of revised & outstanding items in Organizational Packets #1 and #2.**
Reference: [V-MCC Document Approval & Tracking sheet](#)
"Staff: was replaced by "operational volunteer"

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Nicole Erica Áine, For: 6, Opposed: 0
Action: Add to committee template and existing committee charters the last board review date.

New Business *(Estimated 30 minutes in all)*

- **Approval of the concept of sponsoring a *Trafficking Awareness and Education Roundtable*, and appointment of Jessica Anakar as Event Lead.**
1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd Ann Thorn, For: 6, Opposed: 0
- **Opportunity for feedback regarding the July 17, August 21, & the September 3 Council Meetings** - discussed how to improve visibility on camera

Motion: extend current meeting 10 minutes
1st: Nicole Erica Áine, 2nd Doug Ostrom, For: 5, Opposed: 0

- **Approval of: The agenda for the September 18 Council Meeting**
Feedback: Add announcement of volunteers for committees
1st: Nicole Erica Áine, 2nd Doug Ostrom, For: 5, Opposed: 0
- **Appointment of Nicole Erica Áine as Event Manager for the September 18 Council meeting**
1st: JC Graham, 2nd Doug Ostrom, For: 4, Opposed: 0
- **Approval of holding the October 16 Council meeting.**
1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd Doug Ostrom, For: 5, Opposed: 0
- **Appointment of Event Manager for the October 16 Council meeting** - deferred
- **Planning for Council meetings at the end of 2025 for which we cannot use the Land Trust room.** (Doug to report on possible availability of Lewis Hall.)
- **Board Approval of the V-MCC Board of Directors Operating Principles**
(See Addendum 3). - deferred

Public Comments/Questions - None

Adjourn

1st: Jen Hrachovec, 2nd: Nicole Erica Áine, For: 5, Opposed: 0

Confidential Meeting Evaluation:

1. Are you feeling increasingly confident about the overall performance of the council?
 2. Did you feel that you had ample opportunity for input during this meeting?
 3. What do you suggest changing - if anything - for future Board of Directors meetings?
- Please submit your confidential evaluation to active.deb.vash@gmail.com .

V-MCC President JC Graham can be reached directly at President.V-MCC@proton.me .

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2025, 6:30 pm (Networking); 7:00 pm (Meeting).

Attachments:

- Agenda for the September 18 Council Meeting: [20250918 Agenda \(V-MCC Council. v1\)](#)

Action Items

Date created	Date due	Action/due date	Owner	Status
7/3/25		Schedule initial meeting of Technology Watch and Response Advisory Committee and begin recruiting committee members	Nicole Áine	Open ▾
7/3/25		Future council meeting: invite Jennifer Rugby or Martha Woodward from the School Board to present on superintendent search process	Jessica Anakar	Open ▾
7/3/25	10/2/25	October board meeting: Start auction	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	10/2/25	Assess accounting software	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
8/7/25	10/2/25	October board meeting: web donations	Ann Thorn	Open ▾
9/4/25	10/2/25	Committee charter template and existing charters: Add formal approval date	JC Graham	Open ▾
7/3/25	9/04/25	Future council meeting: invite Captain Chris Przgocki and Sergeant Theresa Schrimpsker to council to discuss traffic safety	Jen Hrachovec	Closed ▾
8/7/25	9/04/25	Confirm TW&RAC charter Board approval	Nicole Áine	Closed ▾
8/7/25	9/04/25	Confirm communications committee Board approval	Jen Hrachovec	Closed ▾
8/7/25	9/04/25	September board meeting: add confirmation of approval for TC and CC charters	JC Graham	Closed ▾
8/7/25	9/04/25	September board meeting: assess continuation with info@v-mcc.org email address	Jen Hrachovec	Closed ▾
8/7/25	9/04/25	Organizational packet #2	JC Graham	Closed ▾

Addendum 1: 2025 V-MCC Sector Schedule List

Date	Sectors	Liaisons
August 7, 2025	Diversity and Inclusion	Nicole Erica Áine
	Quality of Existence	Nicole Erica Áine, Doug Ostrom, Jen Hrachovec
September 4, 2025	Multi-Generational Islanders	Jessica Annakar
	Culture, Art, History and Recreation	Ann Thorn (esp. Recreation)
October 2, 2025	Children and Youth	Ann Thorn
	Seniors and Elderly	JC Graham
November 6, 2025	Business and Workforce	JC Graham
	Healthcare	Debby Jackson
	Environment	Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman
December 4, 2025	Veterans	JC Graham
	Education	Jessica Annakar, Jen Hrachovec
January 2, 2026	Commuters	JC Graham
	Spiritual Practices	Doug Ostrom

Addendum 2: Draft V-MCC Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities

Draft V-MCC Council Policy on Committee Communications with External Entities (v1)

1. Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for all V-MCC committees—including advisory committees and Committees of the Board—regarding their communications with external entities, such as government agencies, partner organizations, and the media. It ensures that all communications are accurate, consistent, and reflect official positions when required, while allowing for research and the expression of personal opinions.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all V-MCC committees when communicating externally with government agencies, partner organizations, or the public.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 General Principles

- **Accuracy and Consistency:** All official communications must accurately reflect the positions, policies, and decisions of the V-MCC Board or Council.
- **Transparency:** Communications should be open and transparent, within the bounds of legal and ethical requirements regarding confidentiality.
- **Professionalism:** All communications must be conducted in a professional, respectful, and constructive manner.

3.2 Information-Gathering and Personal Opinions

- **Information-Gathering:** Committee members may independently contact government agencies or other external entities to gather information or conduct research for committee purposes, without prior approval.
- **Personal Opinions:** Committee members may express personal opinions to external entities, provided they clearly state that these are their own views and not the official position of the V-MCC, Board, or Council.

3.3 Official Communications and Recommendations

- **Official Inquiries:** If an external entity asks for the official position or recommendations of the V-MCC, the committee member must refer the request to the Corresponding Secretary or, if unavailable, the President. The Corresponding Secretary will determine if the issue has been approved as an official position by the Board or Council.
- **Committee Recommendations:** Committees may not communicate official recommendations to external entities unless those recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Board or Council. Recommendations intended for government agencies must be submitted to the Board or Council for approval before external communication.
- **Role of the Corresponding Secretary:** The Corresponding Secretary is the designated point of contact for official inquiries from external entities regarding the V-MCC's position or recommendations.

3.4 Application to Committees of the Board

- **External Communications:** Committees of the Board must follow this policy when communicating externally with government agencies, partner organizations, or the public, especially when such communications could be interpreted as representing the official position of the V-MCC.
- **Internal Board Work:** For internal Board communications and work delegated to Committees of the Board (e.g., meeting planning, intra-Board communications), this policy does not apply unless those communications could be interpreted as representing the official position of the V-MCC to external parties.

3.5 Documentation and Coordination

- **Documentation:** All committees must maintain records of substantive communications with external entities and report these to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
- **Coordination:** Committees are encouraged to coordinate with the Board and other relevant committees to ensure consistent messaging.

4. Implementation and Review

- **Orientation:** All committee members will be oriented to this policy upon appointment.
- **Review:** This policy will be reviewed by the Board to ensure its continued appropriateness and effectiveness as organizational or external circumstances may warrant.

Addendum 3: Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles

Vashon-Maury Community Council Board of Directors Operating Principles (July 15, 2025, Revision 2)

Preamble

The Vashon-Maury Community Council serves as a participatory, non-partisan forum for residents to collaboratively address island priorities through advocacy and grassroots action. While we advise governmental partners and advocate for equitable stewardship of shared resources, we hold no statutory authority over public assets. Our role centers on fostering inclusive dialogue, mobilizing community-led solutions, and amplifying islanders' voices—promoting ecological and social resilience for ourselves and future generations. These principles guide our board's commitment to ethical leadership and collective problem-solving that reflects Vashon-Maury's values.

1. Service Orientation & Stewardship

We put the needs, interests, and well-being of the Vashon-Maury community as a whole and the quality of life of its residents at the center of all of our decisions and actions. We advocate for the equitable stewardship of shared resources—natural, social, and financial—through collaboration with residents, organizations, and government partners. We foster responsible management and sustainable practices that preserve ecological and communal vitality. Our focus is on concrete logistical issues affecting Islanders, such as housing, environmental protection, public safety, and transportation, and we advocate for equitable solutions that align with community priorities.

2. Inclusion & Equity

As a non-partisan advocate for equitable treatment, we actively solicit and welcome diverse voices and perspectives—without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, age, income, or political belief—and work to ensure fairness, equal opportunity, and legal protections for all community members, including those unable to attend V-MCC meetings. We apply equity frameworks, such as the GARE toolkit, to assess how decisions impact marginalized groups and advance systemic fairness. We support the Council in addressing issues brought before it to improve conditions for as many islanders as possible.

3. Collaboration & Respect

We work together in a spirit of mutual respect, valuing each person's and organization's contributions, and fostering open, constructive dialogue, solidarity, and effective shared action.

4. Ethical Conduct

We adhere to non-partisan and ethical practice, acting with honesty, transparency, and integrity, adhering to nonprofit and antidiscrimination laws, and resolving conflicts of interest in the community's best interest. We commit to a collaborative good-faith search for shared understanding.

5. Conscientiousness

We have an action orientation, and approach our responsibilities with care, diligence, and a commitment to thoughtful, thorough decision-making and follow-through. We further both the letter and intent of motions

approved by the V-MCC, to the best of our collective ability, and are accountable for those efforts. We commit to evaluating board performance and programmatic impact to ensure equity, refine strategies, and enhance accountability.

These principles guide our board's culture, decisions, and actions, ensuring we serve the whole Vashon-Maury community with integrity and excellence.