

Emergency Management Council Minutes

December 12, 2024

Attendees

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Call to Order

The Emergency Management Council meeting was held via Teams on December 12, 2024. It began at 09:00 and was presided over by Chandra Fox, EMC Chair. Amanda Webster, EMD, recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the October 10, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Chandra Fox. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Boggs and carried.

Opening Comments

Opening comments were presented by Brigadier General Paul Sellars, Washington State Military Department, Sharon Wallace, Deputy Director, EMD, and Morgan Wilson, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor.

Regional Issues Impacting Washington

Willie Nunn, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 10, provided an overview of regional issues impacting Washington.

Reports

Sharon Wallace provided a legislative update on behalf of Jim Baumgart, MIL Internal Affairs and Policy Director.

Work Session – EMC Annual Report

Chandra Fox, Chair, opened the floor to brainstorm topics for the EMC 2024 Annual Report. Three topics are required to be included: cybersecurity, hazard mitigation, and a hazardous materials report. Additional potential topics include: (URM) unreinforced brick masonry mitigation with budget support, wildland urban interface, public safety power shutoffs, and lithium batteries.

Work Session – EMC Strategic Planning

Chandra Fox, Chair, requested additional EMC members to volunteer to participate on the strategic planning team. Adenea Sellars and Cherrie May volunteered.

Work Session – 2025 Schedule of EMC Meetings

Sharon Wallace informed the council that due to the state travel funding freeze EMD meetings will remain as virtual meetings except for one in-person meeting in June. A motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates was made by Fred Brink and seconded by Quyen Thai. EMC 2025 meeting dates were approved.

Work Session – 2025 EMC Chair Election

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair, opened the floor for nominations. Final call for nominations was made, a vote was taken, and Kirk Homes was elected 2025-27 EMC Chair.

Reports – Seismic Safety Subcommittee

Amanda Hertzfeld, URM Program Manager, City of Seattle, provided a presentation about unreinforced masonry buildings and what the Seismic Safety Subcommittee has been working on to support improvement to URM in the state.

Open Public Forum

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair, shared a reminder about the public hearing on the WAC 118-30 revision scheduled for January 23, 2025, at 0900.

EMC Adjournment

Chandra Fox adjourned the meeting at 10:26.

EMC Member Attendance

Position	Name	Dec 12
Pos 1 Pri	Fred Brink	P
Pos 1 Alt	Chuck Torelli	A
Pos 2 Pri	Gene Strong	P
Pos 2 Alt	Mark Ozias	A
Pos 3 Pri	Chief Scott Engle	P
Pos 3 Alt	Chief Peter Fisher	A
Pos 4 Pri	Chief John Batiste	P
Pos 4 Alt	Arel Solie	P
Pos 5 Pri	Robert Ezelle	A
Pos 5 Alt	Sharon Wallace	P
Pos 6 Pri	Jim Pendowski	P
Pos 6 Alt	Jacob Rain	P
Pos 7 Pri	Chief Chad Cross	P
Pos 7 Alt	Melissa Gannie	P
Pos 8 Pri	Chief Michael Harris	P
Pos 8 Alt	VACANT	
Pos 9 Pri	Hillary Franz	A
Pos 9 Alt	Casey Hanell	P
Pos 10 Pri	Chandra Fox	P
Pos 10 Alt	Alysha Kaplan	P
Pos 11 Pri	JoAnn Boggs	P
Pos 11 Alt	John Unfred	P
Pos 12 Pri	Amy Allbritton	P
Pos 12 Alt	Lt. Trent Stephens	P
Pos 13 Pri	Nathan Weed	P
Pos 13 Alt	Ron Weaver	A
Pos 14 Pri	Quyen Thai	P
Pos 14 Alt	Mizael Acevedo	A
Pos 15 Pri	Greg Welch	A
Pos 15 Alt	Dru Garson	P
Pos 16 Pri	John Himmel	P
Pos 16 Alt	VACANT	
Pos 17 Pri	Kirk Holmes	P
Pos 17 Alt	Kristi Oosterveen	P
Pos 18 Pri	Anna Marie Dufault	A
Pos 18 Alt	Amber Wynn	P
Pos 19 Pri	Annie Pillers	P
Pos 19 Alt	Christie Masters	P
Pos 20 Pri	VACANT	
Pos 20 Alt	Elizabeth Sanchez	A
Pos 21 Pri	Cherrie May	P
Pos 21 Alt	Jeff Choke	P

EMC Guest Attendance

Gabe Baez
BG Sellars
Erin Brewster
Deanna Davis
Eric Quitslund
Nicholas Gibbons
Amanda Hertzfeld
Elizabeth King
Kyle Bustad
Cameron Landry
Brendan McCluskey
Mike Harris
Zachary Myers
Nancy Berntsen
Nick Bacon
Sarah Nuss
Alexandria Swanson
Morgan Wilson

EMD

Sharon Wallace
Victoria Fontana
Amanda Webster
Gail Cram
Steven Friederich
Anne-marie Marshall-Dody
Stacey McClain
Sierra Wardell
Kathryn Zetzer