

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

**Minutes of Access, Advocacy, Equity, &
Engagement Commission Meeting**

May 19, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Amber Hoefer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Phil Backlund, Amber Darting, Judd Grey, Amber Hoefer, Nancy Goodloe, and M. Eliatamby-O'Brien.

Also present: Nicole Klauss, staff member assigned to the AAEE Commission; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Gretchen Delaford, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; and 1 member of the public.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Judd Grey moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Phil Backlund seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

3. Public Comment

Vice Chair Hoefer called for public comment. There was no public comment.

4. Spending Plan Discussion

City staff provided an update on the spending plan recommendations.

Commissioner Amber Hoefer motioned to approve \$1,200 for Juneteenth Celebration for the music, \$1,500 for the America250 Community Picnic, and \$4,000 for 2026 grants. Commissioner Amber Darting seconded the motion. During discussion, commission members said they could consider funding the translation headsets next year if there is not enough budget later this year. They also mentioned there was not a time crunch associated with the rest of their budget, so they can revisit that later.

Motion approved 5-0.

Amber Darting, Judd Grey, and Nancy Goodloe will be on a grant subcommittee to update the 2025 document.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Drafted by Nicole Klauss, staff member assigned to the AAEE Commission

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