



**Board of Governors Meeting
WSBA Conference Center, Seattle, WA
September 26-27, 2025**

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ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

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Friday, September 26th : Meeting ID: 859 5455 9133 Passcode: 050089
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

9:00 AM – CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

☐ **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENT

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Overall public comment is limited to 30 minutes and each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. The President will provide an opportunity for public comment for those in the room and participating remotely. Public comment will also be permitted at the beginning of each agenda item, at the President’s discretion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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A governor may request that an item be removed from the consent calendar without providing a reason and it will be discussed immediately after the consent calendar. The remaining items will be voted on *en bloc*.

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- ☐ **COUNCIL ON PUBLIC DEFENSE UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WSBA STANDARDS FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**, Jason Schwarz, Immediate Past Chair, Council on Public Defense

12:00 PM – RECESS FOR LUNCH

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SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS
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- ☐ **SWEARING IN OF FY26 GOVERNORS AND OFFICERS**, Justice Mary Yu

4:45 PM – RECESS

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9:00 AM – RESUME MEETING

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