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## Q3 2024 WA GAC Meeting Notes

Washington Governmental Affairs Committee Q3 Meeting  
July 31, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT  
*Held remotely via Zoom*

### Committee Member Attendees:

Charlotte Nemec	Canopy Credit Union	Erin Moore	OnPoint Community CU
Jeff Adams	Horizon CU	Jim Morrell	Peninsula CU
Thomas Boucher	North Coast CU	Jodie Olson	Horizon CU
Christopher Bradberry	Fibre Federal CU	Bill Peters	TAPCO CU
Geoff Bullock	Harborstone CU	Chylon Pappas	First Tech FCU
Don Clark	Sound CU	Alison Phelan	BECU
Sarah Dahmen	Spokane Media FCU	Eric Petracca	iQ CU
Ryan Drake	Our Community CU	Russ Rosendal	Salal CU
Ezra Eckhardt	STCU	Lindsey Salvestrin	Columbia CU
Ann Flannigan	WSECU	Angie Shipman	Fibre Federal CU
Shawn Gilfedder	Kitsap CU	Charles Thompson	WCLA CU
Deanna Hanley	Spokane City CU	Tonita Webb	Verity CU
Jessica Johnson	Numerica CU	Mina Worthington	Solarity CU
Jennifer Kutcher	WECU	Troy Stang	GoWest
Dan LaFree	Community 1 <sup>st</sup> CU	Jennifer Wagner	GoWest
Joyce Lockard	RESCU	Joe Adamack	GoWest
Justin Martin	TAPCO CU	Ryan Fitzgerald	GoWest
JohnPaul McGee	EvergreenDIRECT CU	John Trull	GoWest
Traci McGlathery	STCU	Chris Kemm	GoWest
Don Miller	Gesa CU	Lyset Cadena	GoWest Consultant

### Welcome, Introductions, and Kickoff

- Chair Nemec kicked off the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting and highlighted the unique point in time when advocacy efforts remain ongoing for 2024 and extensive planning and strategic development is underway for 2025.

### Federal legislative and regulatory issues discussion

- Ryan Fitzgerald discussed efforts by GoWest and other credit union leagues to develop and coalesce around a comprehensive federal priorities list, especially as it pertains to modernizing the federal credit union charter.
- Ryan Fitzgerald provided an overview of the active open seat races for Congress in Washington and upcoming engagement opportunities. Committee members asked questions and shared perspectives on those races in their local communities.

- John Trull and Ryan Fitzgerald shared the latest out of the NCUA, CFPB, and FHFA and committee members shared insights on some of the draft proposals and messaging for GoWest engagement.
- The committee also discussed the recently announced U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Chevron deference case and the new potential paths for litigation in the future.

### **Washington state issues**

- Joe Adamack provided an update on the upcoming August primary election and committee members shared some of what they were hearing from local candidates as well as asked questions about what certain outcomes may indicate for the 2025 Legislature's balance of power.
- Joe Adamack shared an update and the strategic approach behind certain interim working groups especially the broader AI task force as well as an upcoming opportunity to engage on digital titling efforts.
- The state issues portion wrapped up with committee members asking questions about the ballot initiatives that will appear on the November general ballot as well as the budget situation anticipated for the 2025 session based on updates from local lawmakers.

### **Community and Economic Impact reporting**

- Jennifer Wagner provided an update about the upcoming timelines for the forthcoming community and impact reporting tools as well as the selection of a new economics firm.
- Joe Adamack also provided an overview of some of the streamlining efforts done to eliminate questions that could be obtained from other data sources or were not mission critical to upcoming advocacy efforts.

### **PAC Fundraising**

- Washington CULAC Chair Mina Worthington and Chris Kemm provided the latest updates on PAC fundraising efforts and upcoming opportunities to engage staff and participate in GoWest events.

### **Adjournment**

- Chair Nemec adjourned the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting will be held at MAXX.