



# Nominee for Board Vacancy

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**Date: March 23, 2026**

After soliciting letters of interest and interviewing all five prospective candidates, the Board of Commissioners of the Fidalgo Park and Recreation District selected a nominee, and alternates, to fill the vacancy in Position #5 created by the resignation of Commissioner Andrew Olson.

**Nominee: Kathleen Brueger**

Alternate 1: Dawn Bachmann

Alternate 2: Tory Haschak

According to the provisions of state law for filling a vacancy on an elected nonpartisan governing body of a special purpose district (RCW 42.12.080), we are posting this notice of the vacancy and the name of our nominee for at least 15 days.

## **Opportunity for the Public to Nominate Additional Candidates:**

Registered voters who live in the Fidalgo Park and Recreation District may submit nominations of additional, eligible candidates to the Board for consideration. The prospective candidate must also be a registered voter residing in the Fidalgo Park and Recreation District. Written nominations should include the full name and registered voting address of the candidate, along with a description of the candidate's interest in the role, related experience, and strengths as a potential Commissioner. **Nominations should be sent via email before 5:00pm on April 8, 2026 to: Arik Dahlen, Executive Director, at [adahlen@fidalgopool.com](mailto:adahlen@fidalgopool.com).**

## **Expectations of the Appointed Board Member:**

- Be committed to keep the Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center operating to meet community needs.
- Participate in monthly Board meetings and related activities, up to 6-10 hours a month. Commissioners receive no compensation, but are reimbursed for necessary expenses.
- Submit an F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement to the state Public Disclosure Commission and complete the required open government training.
- Serve until at least November 2027 when an election will be held to fill the seat. The appointee may choose to run in this election to serve the remainder of the term through December 2029.

## **Appointment by the Board of Commissioners:**

At a special meeting at 4:30pm on **April 13, 2026**, the Board of Commissioners will appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant Position #5 from the candidates nominated by either the Board or the public. The appointment will be effective immediately upon completion of the oath of office.

For more information, please contact Arik Dahlen at (206) 406-2144 or [adahlen@fidalgopool.com](mailto:adahlen@fidalgopool.com).