

LONGVIEW SISTER CITY COMMISSION

APRIL 9, 2025

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

5:15 PM - Opening remarks and welcome by the Chair.

II. Roll Call and Welcome Guests

Recognize any new or returning attendees.

III. Approval of March 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes

IV. Discussion Items

1. Keiko's Updates & Atomi Program Planning

- Recap and reflections on the February 15–March 10 Atomi visit.
- Host family coordination, activity execution, and participant feedback.
- Improvements and future planning for Atomi-related exchanges.

2. Wako Kokusai Program Update

- Update from Kari Montgomery and Kiz Schumann regarding school district involvement.
- Confirmation and discussion of the \$3,000 allocated in the 2025 budget for Sister City programs and potential fund allocation for the Wako Kokusai program.
- Updates from Keiko Pedersen on any proposed timeline changes for future visits.
- Recruitment efforts for host families and day hosts.
- Possible after-school activities and coordination with the school district to support student exchange logistics.
- **Amendment: We have updates to share regarding the Longview Schools and Wako Program partnership.**

3. Review of Program Implementation Documents

- Determine next steps for execution and responsibility delegation.
- Discussion of the "Implementation Plan" and "Coordinator Responsibilities and Timeline" documents.

4. Sister City Delegation Planning for 2025

- Initial ideas for delegation hosting.
- Input on potential activities and engagement opportunities.

5. Video Chat with St. Helen's Grade School

- Updates from Lars Pedersen on planning and feedback.
- Discuss next steps to enhance engagement with students.

V. New Business

Open floor for additional discussion items.

VI. Guest Comments

Invite comments or questions from guests in attendance.

VII. Adjournment

Confirm the next meeting date: May 14, 2025, at 5:15 PM.