

Pesticide Application Safety Committee (PASCO)

Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2026

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Zoom Link – [Recording](#)

1. Meeting Details

- Date & Time: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 | 1:00 pm -3:00pm
- Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom and in-person at NRB
- Facilitator: Kelly McLain (WSDA)

2. Attendance & Roll Call

Kelly conducted roll call. PASCO Members present included:

- Sen. Rebecca Saldaña
- Sen. Judy Warnick
- Rep. Tom Dent
- Kelly McLain (WSDA)
- Craig Blackwood (L&I) -
- Gwen Hoheisel (WSU Extension) -
- Holly Neibergs (WSU CAHNRS) -
- Anneke Jansen (alternate for Lauren Jenks at DOH)

3. Public Comment

- No public comment

4. Activity Updates and Round Robin

- DOH
 - 2025 Legislative Report on track to publish in October 2026.
 - Working to hire Pesticide Program Manager – should be hired by fall.
 - Introduced new Pesticides Epidemiologist and Epidemiology, Data, Systems and Surveillance Supervisor.
 - Current data system is no longer supported by CDC, looking for a new system.
- WSDA
 - 2021 fee increase supported updated systems for licensing and registration.

- Certification and Training changes were implemented on January 1, 2026 after a series of legislative and rule changes. Working through reciprocal issues with state of Idaho.
- L&I
 - Division realignment allows for more integration with Consultation and Education, now includes education and outreach.
 - Working on a plan to update Chapter 307 agricultural safety rules.
 - Ag Safety Days in February. One on East side and one on West side.
- WSU Gwen Hoheisel and Wendy Sue Wheeler
 - Digital databases for pesticide recommendations for variety of cropping systems integrated with PICOL.
 - Shared update on using maps, loading into system and using it to target application.
 - WSU PREP updated manuals and materials to meet new C&T standards.

5. WSDA Pesticide Fee Change (Kelly McLain)

- To remain solvent, fees need to increase
- [Registration Fee Increase | Washington State Department of Agriculture](#)

6. Agricultural Viability Report (Kelly McLain)

- [Washington State Agricultural Viability | Washington State Department of Agriculture](#)
- Final report should be available at the end of 2026

7. Promotional Opportunities

- Pesticide Advisory Board (PAB) October 7 meeting
- FIRA [Home](#) - [FIRA USA](#) - Ag and Tech conference in Yakima October 20-22
- Grand Challenges

8. Transitional Planning

- Will be looking for new Senator Representatives
- Reboot the Pesticide Advisory Committee with new DOH Program Manager
- Open spots include:
 - Representative of community and migrant health center
 - Farmworker with expertise on pesticide application

9. Next PASCO Meeting

- Scheduled for December 2, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, virtual and optional in-person attendance

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM