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Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Airport Commission

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one): Snohomish County

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Current Employer Washington State University

Occupation Research Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering

Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, WSU (2024); B.S./M.S.

Education	Mechanical Engineering, University of Dayton
Licenses held (if applicable)	FAA Private Pilot Certificate
Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?	I lead development of the sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) testing and repository facilities at Paine Field airport and work daily with the aircraft manufacturers and aviation community there. Serving on the Commission would let me bring a technical and community perspective on airport operations, planning, and SAF infrastructure as the region positions itself at the center of next-generation aviation fuel. With a permanent SAF facility now in planning, I want to help ensure the airport's master plan, capital program, and noise and operations decisions are informed by sound fuel science and by the long-term interests of the surrounding community. I am committed to giving Snohomish County and Paine Field reliable, independent input as both the airport and the SAF effort grow.
Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.	I am a Research Assistant Professor at WSU Tri-Cities specializing in sustainable aviation fuel: fuel-property prediction, composition-property relationships, and ASTM D4054 fuel qualification, with 29 peer-reviewed publications and an EPA Green Chemistry Award. I am establishing WSU's SAF testing laboratory and repository at Paine Field and hold an FAA Private Pilot Certificate, giving me both technical and operational familiarity with airport activities. Beyond the lab, I serve as Vice Chair of CRC Aviation Group 9 (Properties and Emissions) and contribute to the Washington Alternative Jet Fuels Work Group and regional SAF collaborations across Cascadia, PNNL, and industry, so I am well connected to the stakeholders the Commission engages. I also bring governance and budget experience from serving on the WSU Tri-Cities Budget Committee and the ASWSUTC Finance Committee, which prepared me to review capital programs, budgets, and master-plan recommendations of the kind this advisory role requires.
Please list community involvement/volunteer activities	Vice Chair, CRC Aviation Group 9 (Properties & Emissions) Active in the Washington Alternative Jet Fuels Work Group Active in regional SAF collaborations across Cascadia, PNNL, and industry stakeholders Member, WSU Tri-Cities Budget Committee, 2022–2024 Member, ASWSUTC Finance Committee, WSU Tri-Cities, 2022–2023
How did you learn of this opportunity?	Recommended by Snohomish County staff.
Do you currently serve on a Snohomish	No

County board or
commission?*

**2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

- (1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;*
 - (2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;*
 - (3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.*
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****People joining identified boards and commissions will be required to complete a background check. Boards and commissions identified as subject to requiring background checks include Children's Commission, Community Services Advisory Council, Council on Aging, CDMH (Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Program Advisory Board), Climate Action Advisory, Developmental Disabilities, Evergreen State Fair, Human Rights, Marine Resources, Performance Audit, and Planning Commission.**

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature	Harrison Yang`
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Date	6/18/2026
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Please attach resume if [Zhibin\(Harrison\) Yang CV 2026 June.pdf](#)
available and either
submit this form or print
it and mail to

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