Washington Space Council (EO 26-04): Creation, 23-Member Roster, Six Charges & Reporting Status

Pillar: WA Council & Record | **Basis:** Executive Order 26-04 & Commerce Roster | **Primary Source:** WA Governor / Dept. of Commerce | **As Of:** Signed Sept 28, 2026 (verified Nov 16, 2026)

Governor Bob Ferguson signed Executive Order 26-04 on September 28, 2026, establishing the 23-member Washington Space Council staffed by the Department of Commerce under six charges, with no first-report calendar deadline announced in EO 26-04 or in the sourced record as of November 16, 2026.

Documented Policy & Site-Selection Record

• Creation & Authority: Governor Bob Ferguson signed Executive Order 26-04 on September 28, 2026, establishing the Washington Space Council as an advisory public-private body.

• Roster & Administration: The Washington State Department of Commerce maintains the official 23-member roster (spanning commercial space, aerospace manufacturing, higher education, labor, federal research, local governments, and legislators) and provides staffing and logistical support.

• Six Charges: EO 26-04 directs the Council to evaluate competitive positioning, identify growth barriers, assess workforce and education needs, evaluate infrastructure and supply chains, review commercial launch/test capabilities, and advise the Governor.

• Reporting Status (As of Nov 16, 2026): EO 26-04 specifies ongoing advisory reports to the Governor without a fixed first-report calendar deadline, and no subsequent deadline has been announced in the sourced record.

EO 26-04 Structural Record vs. Open Questions

Element	Documented Record	Source / Status
Executive Order	EO 26-04 signed Sept 28, 2026 by Gov. Bob Ferguson	WA Governor Official Actions
Membership	23-member public-private roster (incl. Stoke Space CEO Andy Lapsa)	WA Dept. of Commerce (Source of Record)
Mandate Scope	6 advisory charges: competitiveness, barriers, workforce, infrastructure, launch, policy	EO 26-04 Text
First-Report Deadline	No fixed calendar deadline in EO 26-04; ongoing advisory reporting	Verified Nov 16, 2026 (none announced)

Founder, Staffer & Site-Selector Takeaways

• For Founders & Site Selectors: EO 26-04 creates an institutional channel to Olympia, but it does not appropriate grant capital or enact tax credits on its own.

• For Legislative Staff: Any binding tax incentive, Strategic Reserve expansion, or infrastructure appropriation requires separate legislative action in Olympia.

• Verification Check: Watch WA Dept. of Commerce Space Council notices for the first published agenda, working-group outputs, or any announced report date.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **Stoke Space WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/stoke-space-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Blue Origin WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/blue-origin-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Portal Space Systems WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/portal-space-systems-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **WA Space Launch Segment Overview:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-launch-segment-overview/

• **WA Governor Executive Orders (EO 26-04):** https://governor.wa.gov/office-governor/office/official-actions/executive-orders

• **Washington State Department of Commerce:** https://www.commerce.wa.gov/

• **GeekWire Aerospace Coverage:** https://www.geekwire.com/

Provenance Note: Sourced record from WA Governor Executive Order 26-04 (Sept 28, 2026) and WA Dept. of Commerce roster. Non-advocacy brief.