



**Snohomish Health District  
Board of Health Minutes  
Special Meeting  
May 29, 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call.

**Members Present**

Scott Bader, Councilmember, Everett  
Elisabeth Crawford, Councilmember, Mukilteo  
Megan Dunn, County Councilmember  
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds  
Christine Frizzell, Councilmember, Lynnwood  
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier  
Anji Jorstad, Councilmember, Lake Stevens  
Sam Low, County Councilmember  
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor, Mountlake Terrace – BOH Vice Chair  
Jared Mead, County Councilmember  
Nate Nehring, County Councilmember  
Dan Rankin, Mayor, Darrington  
Linda Redmon, Councilmember, Snohomish  
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember – BOH Chair  
Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember, Marysville

**Members Absent**

None

**Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 10:04 a.m. via Zoom conference call by Chair Stephanie Wright.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Linda Carl who reported there was a quorum present.

**Arrivals/Departures**

Scott Bader joined the call at 10:10 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda Contents and Order**

It was moved by Ms. Anji Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Christine Frizzell to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent (Bader).

**Public Comment**

Chair Wright noted that written comments received prior to the meeting were provided to Board members via email before the meeting.



## Action

### **Approve Res. 20-16 authorizing submission of an application and request for a variance from the Washington State Department of Health to proceed to Phase 2 of the State's reopening Washington plan (SR 20-047)**

Mr. Frederick reported he spoke to the Secretary of Health who indicated there will likely be an ongoing conversation regarding the qualifications process to move into phase 2 for larger counties. Snohomish County's application includes data, letters of support, and attestation letters from all four hospitals in the county. We're confident we're in a position to move forward with the application.

Dr. Spitters reviewed data in the application and stated that with the metrics, partnerships, and internal capacity we have, we can be confident in moving into phase 2. He reviewed the data in the application packet, including case information. Over the past two-week period, we've had 240 new cases, and the trend is moving downward. One-third of those cases were associated with long-term care facilities. He reiterated it's the right time to move forward into phase 2 and to then try to suppress and contain as we gain experience and success working with the state and our partners. We can then continue to progress in a slow, safe, and stable manner. He noted this is a step toward normalcy and the majority of recommendations will remain in place (such as facemasks, social distancing, etc.).

Board members asked questions of staff and discussed the motion and application.

Dr. Spitters reviewed the guidelines under phase 2 and noted that if any metrics move in the wrong direction, we'll look at ways to remedy it by potentially expanding elements of mitigation efforts. He noted that the prevalence of immunity from the virus in the community (serology) is far less than ten percent.

The Secretary of Health will review and approve the application under the governor's guideline. Not all metrics must be met to be approved.

### **Motion to extend the meeting**

It was moved by Ms. Frizzell and seconded by Mr. Scott Bader to extend the meeting 15 minutes to 11:15 a.m. The motion passed with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Further discussion on the action item: Legal counsel Grant Week noted that the revised resolution distributed to the Board prior to the meeting states that if the Board takes action at today's meeting, staff will review any new requirements or criteria that might be issued by the governor's office. If it's deemed we meet the new criteria, the revised resolution allows the Board to move forward with the application.

It was moved by Mr. Nate Nehring and seconded by Ms. Linda Redmon to approve revised Res. 20-16 authorizing submission of an application and request for a variance from the Washington State Department of Health to proceed to Phase 2 of the State's reopening Washington plan. The motion passed with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Stephanie Wright, Chair

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Shawn Frederick, Administrative Officer / Secretary