

**Snohomish County Board of Health  
Board of Health Minutes  
March 14, 2023**

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Rucker Building and via Zoom conference call/video.

**Members Present via Zoom**

Janet Anderberg (Virtual)  
Megan Dunn, County Councilmember (Virtual)  
Joseph Hund, Councilmember, Sultan (Virtual)  
Lisa George (In Person)  
Heather Logan, Councilmember, Arlington (Virtual)  
Jared Mead, County Councilmember (Virtual)  
Desmond Skubi (In Person)  
Julie Smith-Hopkins (Arrived 3:08 p.m.; Virtual)

**Members Absent****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Megan Dunn.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong who reported there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Agenda Contents and Order**

It was moved by Ms. Heather Logan and seconded by Mr. Joseph Hund to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

**Special Business***Introductions and Welcome*

Members provided brief introductions – name, passion, and interest in public health.

*Election of Chair and Vice Chair.*

Prior to elections Ms. Nicole Thomsen provided an overview of pending Snohomish County Code revisions relating to the Board of Health.

Ms. Megan Dunn opened the floor for nominations for the chair of the Board. Mr. Jared Mead nominated Megan Dunn. Ms. Heather Logan seconded. There were no other nominations and Ms. Dunn becomes the Chair of the Board for 2023.

Chair Dunn opened the floor for nominations for the vice chair of the Board. Mr. Joseph Hund nominated Ms. Heather Logan with a second by Mr. Desmond Skubi. There were no other nominations, and Ms. Logan becomes the Vice Chair of the Board for 2023.

**Public Comment**

Chair Dunn opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Peter Ojala from Snohomish/Monroe, thanked the Board of Health for its work.

Chair Dunn closed public comment.

**Action***Whitsell Appeal (SR 23-001; R. Gray)*

Ms. Ragina Gray provided a brief review of the appeal process to date, content of the appeal, and options of today's actions. Potential actions are: 1) concur with the findings and conclusions of the Examiner and decline to hear an appeal; 2) determine to hear the appeal at a public hearing to be established at a later date; or 3) remand a decision to the Hearing Examiner for further hearing and specifically identify for the Examiner the grounds for the remand.

It was moved by Ms. George and seconded by Mr. Desmond Skubi to concur with the findings and conclusions of the Examiner and decline to hear an appeal. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 0 nays, and Ms. Smith-Hopkins abstaining.

*Proclamation recognizing Public Health Week (SR 23-002; N. Thomsen)*

Ms. Thomsen read aloud the proclamation, which recognizes April 3- 9, 2023 as National Public Health Week, and this year's theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health." Throughout the week attention is paid to the efforts of public health officials who are dedicated to improving the public's health.

It was moved by Mr. Hund and seconded by Ms. George to adopt Resolution 23-01 recognizing and honoring Public Health Week. The motion passed unanimously.

**Department's Report**

Mr. Dennis Worsham introduced himself to the Board and shared the following:

- Overview of governmental public health structure and functions.
- Reminded board members of the upcoming training opportunity in early May.

**Information Items**

Ms. Thomsen noted the next Board of Health meeting is on Tuesday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.

*Determine Regular Meeting Dates*

Ms. Nicole Thomsen provided an overview of pending Snohomish County Code revisions relating to Board of Health meeting schedules. If revisions are adopted the Board has additional flexibility to schedule regular meetings. To facilitate scheduling Ms. Sarah de Jong will coordinate.

*Local Board of Health Training Opportunity*

Mr. Dennis Worsham reminded members of the training on May 2-4 in Blaine. Ms. Thomsen will resend the agenda and registration details.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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Megan Dunn  
Board of Health, Chair

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Dennis Worsham, Director