

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

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

**Members Present**

Heather Logan, Councilmember, Arlington, Board Vice Chair (In Person)  
Janet Anderberg (Virtual)  
Joseph Hund, Councilmember, Sultan (Virtual)  
Jared Mead, County Councilmember (Virtual)  
Desmond Skubi (In Person)  
Julie Smith-Hopkins (In Person)

**Members Absent**

Megan Dunn, County Councilmember, Board Chair  
Lisa George

**Snohomish County Staff Present**

Dennis Worsham, James Lewis, Pamela Aguilar, Nicole Thomsen, Robert Evjue, Tony Colinas, Lisa Roberts, Theresa Bengtson, Bridget Casey, Katie Curtis, Ragina Gray, Jason Biermann, Cynthia Foley, Sarah de Jong

**Comings and Goings**

Julie Smith arrived at 3:49 p.m.

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:05 p.m. by Ms. Heather Logan.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda Contents and Order**

Ms. Logan requested removing briefing 8a from the agenda as the presenter was not able to attend the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Desmond Skubi and seconded by Mr. Joseph Hund to approve the agenda contents and order as amended. The motion passed with six ayes, zero nays, and two absent (Dunn, George).

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. Janet Anderberg and seconded by Mr. Hund to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2023. The motion passed with six ayes, zero nays, and two absent (Dunn, George).

**Public Comment**

Ms. Logan opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public volunteered to speak and Ms. Logan closed public comment.

**Public Hearing – Amendment to Board of Health Fee Schedules (SR 23-026; R. Gray)**

Ms. Ragina Gray shared that since the approval of the fee schedules at last month's Board of Health regular meeting, it was noted that a few formatting errors resulted in some fees being incomplete. Ms. Logan noted an

updated substitute ordinance was shared with Board members that includes one additional fix to the fee schedule.

Ms. Logan opened public hearing on the Board of Health Code. No member of the public volunteered to speak and Ms. Logan closed the public hearing.

As only elected members of the board are allowed to vote on the fee schedules, the Board chose to perform an advisory vote in support of the fee schedule.

It was moved by Mr. Hund and seconded by Mr. Skubi to support adopting the Substitute Ordinance BOH23-03. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hund and seconded by Mr. Skubi to adopt Substitute Ordinance BOH23-03 approving amendments to the Snohomish County Board of Health Code Section 1.40.030. The motion passed with three eyes, zero nays, and one absent (Dunn).

### **Action**

*Recommend reappointment of Lisa George to the Board of Health (SR 23-024; N. Thomsen)*

Ms. George was originally appointed to the board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Since then, revisions to the Board of Health Code have changed the term length to four years. If approved, Ms. George would serve a second term through December 31, 2027.

It was moved by Mr. Skubi and seconded by Mr. Hund to approve recommendation for the reappointment of Lisa George to the Board of Health for a term of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

*Recommend reappointment of Desmond Skubi to the Board of Health (SR 23-025; N. Thomsen)*

Mr. Skubi was originally appointed to the board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Since then, revisions to the Board of Health Code have changed the term length to four years. If approved, Mr. Skubi would serve a second term through December 31, 2027.

It was moved by Ms. Janet Anderberg and seconded by Mr. Joseph Hund to approve recommendation for the reappointment of Desmond Skubi to the Board of Health for a term of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Briefings**

*WA Legislative Session (no staff report; L. Harper)*

This item was removed from the agenda

*2024 Snohomish County Legislative Agenda (SR 23-022; A. Durham)*

Mr. Jason Biermann, Senior Policy Advisor for Preparedness and Resilience, shared a briefing on the legislative agenda, which focuses primarily on substance use and the opioid epidemic.

### **Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention and Treatment**

Ms. Katie Curtis, Director of the Prevention Services Division, shared an update on sexually transmitted infections, which have been increasing at a concerning rate within the county.

### **Health Officer's Report**

Dr. James Lewis provided a report on the following public health issues:

- Opioid epidemic
- COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses
- Congenital syphilis
- Candida auris

**Information Items**

*Upcoming Meetings*

Ms. Logan noted the dates of the next Board of Health meetings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

---

Megan Dunn  
Board of Health, Chair

---

Dennis Worsham, Director