

**Snohomish County Board of Health
Board of Health Minutes
October 8, 2024**

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

Members Present

Megan Dunn, Board Chair
Heather Logan, Board Vice Chair
Janet Anderberg
Lisa George
Jared Mead
Summer Hammons

Members Absent

Desmond Skubi
Joseph Hund
Julie Smith

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 Ms. Janet Anderberg to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously with three absent (Hund, Skubi, Smith).

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Logan and seconded by Ms. Anderberg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with three absent (Hund, Skubi, Smith).

Public Comment

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

Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Worsham provided an update on health department business including the following:

- The department honored Orange Shirt Day and is the first public health agency in the state to do so. The County Executive also presented a proclamation in recognition of the day.
- Environmental Health staff continue to work on Board of Health enforcement concepts.
- The health department presented its budget to County Council today. Mr. Worsham shared that the STI team has created a valuable safety net for these services in the community. The budget includes the continuation of these services for the next two years and the department seeks funding for beyond.
- The gold standard review is being finalized. Results will be shared with the board at a later date.

- The department continues to make progress on its strategic plan and has identified six priority areas. Results will be shared at a future date.

Public Hearing

Ordinance BOH24-04 Regarding Administrative Appeals; Amending Chapter 1.20 of the Snohomish County Board of Health Code (SR 24-018B; Ragina Gray)

Ms. Ragina Gray shared a brief overview of this ordinance and code language change. Chair Dunn opened public hearing for this item. No member of the public volunteered to speak and Chair Dunn closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Ms. Logan and seconded by Mr. Jared Mead to approve Ordinance BOH24-04. The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent (Hund, Skubi, Smith).

Briefings

Ordinance Relating to Health Department Fees; Amending Chapter 1.40.040 of the Snohomish County Board of Health Code; Adding Chapter 1.40.045 of the Snohomish County Board of Health Code (SR 24-022; Ragina Gray)

Mr. Tony Colinas provided a briefing on this item which would allow food establishments that have been in the queue for 20 weeks or more to obtain temporary food permits, the cost of which would then be credited toward their food establishment permit once approved.

The County Council will meet on November 6 to tentatively approve the budget which would approve the addition of one FTE to this work and the next regular Board of Health meeting is scheduled afterward, on November 12.

This item will be brought back to the Board as a public hearing and potential action at that meeting to discuss a path forward pending budget approval. In the meantime, staff will reach out to board members individually to address any concerns or questions they may have regarding this ordinance.

Prevention Services – Children and Family Health (SR 24-023; Michaela Horn, Melinda Lozovoy)

Melinda Lozovoy and Michaela Horn presented on the childhood lead poisoning prevention program that is part of the children and family health program for the health department.

Information Items

Local Board of Health Training Report Out

Ms. Nicole Thomsen and Ms. Dunn shared a recap of the board of health training that took place in Leavenworth last week. Topics covered included board of health authority and roles and responsibilities. Board members are encouraged to attend these retreats in the future.

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Dunn reviewed the dates of the next Board of Health meetings and shared that the December meeting may be cancelled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Megan Dunn
Board of Health, Chair

Dennis Worsham, Director