

**Snohomish County Board of Health
Board of Health Minutes
January 21, 2025
Special Meeting**

The special 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
Dale Kaemingk
Janet Anderberg
Jared Mead
Julie Smith
Lisa George

Members Absent

Desmond Skubi
Summer Hammons

Call to Order

The special 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. Jared Mead to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Dunn opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Paul William shared public comment regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. No one else wished to provide public comment and Ms. Dunn closed the public comment period.

Special Business

Election of Chair

Ms. Dunn opened the floor for nominations for the chair of the board. Mr. Jared Mead nominated Megan Dunn. Ms. Lisa George seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and Ms. Dunn becomes the Chair of the Board for 2025.

Election of Vice Chair

Ms. Dunn opened the floor for nominations for the vice chair of the board. Ms. Dunn nominated Heather Logan, with a second by Ms. Janet Anderberg. There were no other nominations and Ms. Logan becomes the Vice Chair of the Board for 2025.

Special Recognition

Proclamation 25-01 Recognizing Joseph Hund for his Service on the Board of Health (SR 25-001; Nicole Thomsen)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen read aloud a proclamation honoring Joseph Hund.

It was moved by Ms. Logan and seconded by Mr. Mead to approve Proclamation 25-01. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

Dr. James Lewis provided public health updates relevant to Snohomish County, including H5N1, pertussis, influenza, COVID, and the opioid epidemic.

Briefings

Onsite Septic System Monitoring & Maintenance Section (SR 25-002; Andrea Pellham)

Environmental Health Supervisor Andrea Pellham shared an overview of the Monitoring & Maintenance (M&M) program which includes permit technicians, the Savvy Septic program, and provides technical assistance and homeowner education.

Unplumbed Coffee Stands (SR 25-003; Tony Colinas)

Tony Colinas, Environmental Health Assistant Director, provided an update on the changes to the Washington Administrative Code and possible solutions the health department could implement. This item will be brought to the board in a future meeting for further consideration.

Board of Health Work Plan (SR 25-004; Nicole Thomsen)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen reviewed the draft work plan for the board for 2025. Mayor Dale Kaemingk introduced himself to the group as a new board member and other board members took turns introducing themselves.

2025 Washington Legislative Update (SR 25-005; Nicole Thomsen)

Ms. Thomsen briefed the board on the bills relevant to public health that are currently making their way through the legislative process. Board members discussed the possibility of creating legislative priorities or aligning with the Executive's Office priorities instead.

New Business

Dr. James Lewis shared there was a case of measles of a non-Snohomish County resident through the SeaTac airport with two Snohomish residents confirmed to have been exposed, but likely many more county residents were exposed and a press release was just given out.

Ms. Anderberg asked if there would be follow up on the budget. Department staff will provide an update at the next board meeting.

Information Items

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Dunn reviewed the dates of the next Board of Health meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Megan Dunn
Board of Health, Chair

Dennis Worsham, Director