

March 27, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Health was called to order by Commissioner Lang at 7:30am on March 27th in the Cypress Room of Island Health.

A WebEx option was available for the Regular Board Meeting.

Those present were: Commissioners Lynne Lang, PhD, Jan Iversen, Paul Maughan, PhD, Warren Tessler and Chip Bogosian, MD. Also present were Elise Cutter, CEO, Jason Hogge, MD, CMO, Galina Gandy, CIO, CNO Margo Yates-Williams BS RN CLNC, COS Rachel Mank, DO and Kim Graf, Executive Business Manager,

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

March Spotlight:

Patty Codd, Director of Results Management and Rhonda Lowry, RN Director of Surgical Services provided the Board an update on the implementation of the orthopedic surgery service line at Island Health highlighting the following:

- Island Orthopedics Vision
- Implementation Team
- Orthopedic Service Line Build
- Surgical Services Build
- Vendor Fair
- Roll out: Optimization Team, Throughput Team and Intra-Op & SPD Team

Board Quality & Patient Safety:

Jon Scallan provided an overview of the January Board Quality and Management Review Committee Meeting, highlighting the following:

Elise Cutter shared a patient experience story from the Emergency Department.

Medical Staff Report:

Dr. Mank provided an update on the following Medical Staff Committees:

- Quality Assurance
- Credentials and Bylaws
- Surgery Committee
- Clinical Ethics Committee
- Department of Medicine
- Anesthesia Committee
- OB/Peds

Credentials:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Iversen made a motion to approve the Credentials list as presented. Commissioner Maughan seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Bogosian, Iversen, Tessler and Maughan all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Reports/Discussions:

Chelene Whiteaker, WSHA provided the Board with an update on the 2025 State Legislative Session highlighting the following:

- Failed Legislation
- House Supported Legislation: B& O tax increase, Wealth tax, Property tax lid and impacts to IH
- Senate Supported Legislation: Sales tax, Payroll tax, Wealth tax, Property tax lid and impacts to IH

The current session ends April 27, 2025.

Galina Gandy, CIO provided an update to the Commissioners on Artificial Intelligence (AI) highlighting the following:

- Definition of Artificial Intelligence
- Key principles
- Types of AI
- Ambient Listening
- Benefits
- Selection Process
- DAX COPILOT application functionality

Elise Cutter remarked on the following:

- CFO search update remarking that Shannon Fernandez accepted CFO position and will start on April 7, 2025
- CNO search update
- IHF 2024 gifts

Elise provided the board with an update regarding Levy Strategies and presented a handout that will be distributed to staff to aid in their understanding of Levy's approach. The key highlights of the handout included the following:

- 2024 Island Health Stats
- What will levy dollars fund?
- Why is the levy needed?

Consent Agenda:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Bogosian made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda presented with one revision to the April Board Calendar moving Strategy Committee to May. Commissioner Maughan seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Bogosian, Iversen, Tessler and Maughan all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Action Items:

- Amend the Island Health By-Laws. – 06272024

Executive Session:

Commissioner Lang called for an Executive Session to review a report of a quality improvement committee (QIC), RCW.30.140.(4) (b). The session was expected to be thirty (30) minutes in length. At the end of the Executive Session, the Commissioners did not expect action to be taken and therefore did not reconvene.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 9:10am

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Lang called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:30am.

Lynne Lang, PhD President/Commissioner

Jan Iversen, Commissioner

Paul Maughan, PhD Secretary/Commissioner

Warren Tessler, Commissioner

Chip Bogosian, MD Commissioner