

June 26, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Health was called to order by Commissioner Lang at 7:30 am on June 26th 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; Rachel Mank, COS; Galina Gandy, CIO; Shannon Fernandez, CFO; Jennifer Graham, CNO; Kim Graf, Executive Business Manager and Patricia Yates, Administrative Specialist

### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were made.

### **June Spotlight:**

Introductions: Elise Cutter introduced Island Health's new Chief Nursing Officer, Jennifer Graham, MN. Jennifer expanded on her personal and professional experience. All welcomed Jennifer to the Island Health Senior Leadership team.

Dr. Hogge introduced Dr. Brad Watkins, General Surgeon. Dr. Watkins expanded on his on his professional experience. All welcomed Dr. Watkins to the Island Health Medical Staff

Chris Madrigal, Manager Island Orthopedics, presented an Orthopedic Program Overview which highlighted:

- Introduction of orthopedic surgeons, Dr. Jennifer Reem, Dr. Eric Secrist and Dr. Ryan Myers
- Clinical Capabilities & Procedures
- Strategic Program Strengths

### **Board Quality & Patient Safety:**

Elise provided a brief summary of the Quality & Risk Committee meeting.

- Helipad Project - Update on the revisions to the exterior siding on the ED elevator shaft. The revision work will not have an impact on helipad operations.
- DNV Action plan progress

### **Medical Staff Report:**

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

- Quality Assurance
- Emergency Department
- Credentials and Bylaws
- Department of Medicine
- Anesthesia
- OB/Peds

### **Credentials:**

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

### **Reports/Discussions:**

Commissioner Succession:

Kim Graf provided an update on the timeline and the next steps for filling Position 3:

- June 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting: Board will nominate candidate for consideration to fill position #3 on the Board of Commissioners.
- June 30 – July 16: Post the nominated name/names for 15 days in three (3) public places (Island Health website, Anacortes American, Digital Monitors within Island Health waiting areas). Accept any applications that are sent to Island Health for Position 3.
- July 17 – July 22: Board will review any additional applications.
- July 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting: Board will take ACTION and appoint candidate to fill Position 3.
- September 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting: The appointed individual will attend the September 25th Board Meeting and be sworn in as Commissioner to Position 3 at the beginning of the meeting. The candidate will immediately become Commissioner sitting in Position 3 beginning September 25, 2025, and serve through December 2027.

Commission Tessler nominated James Tangaro to fill the Commissioner seat that will be vacated by Commissioner Maughan in September. Commissioner Tessler noted that Mr. Tangaro would be an ideal selection as is very familiar with the district and understands the challenges ahead because he had served on the Island Health Foundation Board, including as the Island Health Foundation President and currently sits as the community representative on the Island Health Finance Committee.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Tessler made a motion to approve the nomination of James Tangaro to fill Position #3 on the Island Health Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Bogosian, Tessler, Iversen and Maughan all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Elise discussed the anticipated negative impacts of Medicaid cuts included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). She noted that people in our community will lose

coverage and access to care. She also noted the negative financial impacts to Island Health would be significant.

Galina provided an update on Cybersecurity highlighting the following:

- Today's Biggest Cybersecurity Threats
- Most Targeted Industries
- Cyber Crime Mitigation
- Island Health Cyber Crime Mitigation

**Consent Agenda:**

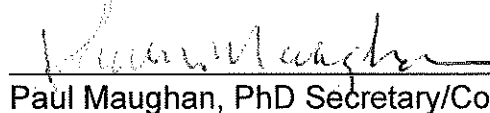
After review and discussion, Commissioner Iversen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda presented. Commissioner Bogosian seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Bogosian, Tessler, Iversen and Maughan all voted aye, and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


There being no further business, Commissioner Lang called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:36 am.

  
Lynne Lang, PhD President/Commissioner

  
Jan Iversen, Commissioner

  
Paul Maughan, PhD Secretary/Commissioner

  
Remote Participation  
Warren Tessler, Commissioner

  
Chip Bogosian, MD Commissioner

