

November 12, 2025

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Hospital was called to order by Commissioner Lang at 12:00 pm on November 12th in the Cypress Room of Island Hospital.

Those present were Commissioners: Lynne Lang, PhD; Chip Bogosian, MD, Warren Tessler; Jan Iversen, and James Tangaro. Also present were Elise Cutter, CEO; Jennifer Graham, CNO; Galina Gandy, CIO; Shannon Fernandez, CFO; and Jason Hogge, MD, CMO and Administrative Specialist Patty Yates.

Not Present:.

1. Public Comment, if any:

No public comment.

2. 2026 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget

Shannon Fernandez, CFO, presented to the Board the 2026 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget which highlighted the alignment to the Island Health Strategic Plan. After an informative presentation by the CFO and feedback from the Commissioners, the Board moved forward with approving the following resolutions:

- **Resolution 2025-2194 Budget:**
After review, Commissioner Bogosian made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2194 Budget. This resolution adopts the 2026 Operating and Capital budgets as presented, established the Regular levy amount for 2026, approves and authorizes the excess property levy (UTGO), authorizes the Skagit County Auditor to collect the taxes and directs the Superintendent (CEO) to deliver the certified copy of the resolution to the County. Commissioner Iversen seconded the motion. Commissioners Bogosian, Iversen, Lang, Tessler and Tangaro all voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Resolution 2025-2195 Tax Levy:**
After review, Commissioner Bogosian made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2195 Tax Levy. This resolution increases the Regular tax levy based on the voter approved levy lift to \$0.75 during the special election in April 2025. Commissioner Iversen seconded the motion. Commissioners Bogosian, Iversen, Lang, Tessler and Tangaro all voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Updated Orcas Island Healthcare District Letter of Intent

Elise Cutter, CEO, presented to the board the Orcas Island Healthcare District letter of intent. Due to estimated impacts of HR-1, language was added to be reimbursed for uncompensated care at Island Primary Care - Orcas that exceeds \$155,000 per year.

There was also an increase to the Support Fee to \$1.3 million in 2026 to offset higher than anticipated inflation.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Tessler motion to approve the changes to Orcas Island Healthcare District Letter of Intent as presented. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Tangaro, Iversen, Bogosian and Tessler all voted aye, and the motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Lang called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Lynne Lang, PhD, President/Commissioner

Jan Iversen, Commissioner

James Tangaro, Commissioner

Warren Tessler, Secretary/Commissioner

Chip Bogosian, MD, Commissioner