

February 26, 2026

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Island Health was called to order by Commissioner Lang at 7:30 am on February 26, 2026, in the Cypress Room of Island Health.

A WebEx option was available for the Regular Board Meeting.

Those present were: Commissioner Lynne Lang, PhD, Commissioner Jan Iversen, Commissioner Warren Tessler, Commissioner James Tangaro, and Commissioner Joseph Mulcahy, MD.

Also present were: Elise Cutter, CEO; Jason Hogge, MD, CMO; Paul Hammer, MD, COS; Galina Gandy, CIO; Shannon Fernandez, CFO; Jennifer Graham, CNO; Kim Graf, Executive Business Manager and Patricia Yates, Administrative Specialist

1. Public Comment, if any:

No public comment.

2. Action Items Completed

Responses were provided for the following Action Items from the January Regular Board Meeting:

- **Cancer Registry Reporting:** Island Hospital has always reported to the Fred Hutch Cancer Surveillance System and did not transition from the American Cancer Registry.
- **Colon Cancer Average Age:** The average age of colon cancer patients diagnosed at Island Hospital in 2025 is 70.
- **Summary of services delivered to La Conner residents**

3. February Spotlights:

Marilyn Brown, Island Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine, and Dr. Burrus were formally acknowledged for receiving the *Wound Care Distinguished Center of Excellence* award. Marilyn provided a presentation highlighting the department's accomplishments that contributed to earning this recognition. She also provided a summary of the Wound Care Department's performance and continued commitment to excellence in patient care.

Marta McClintok, IH Foundation Executive Director, Pearle Peterson, Fundraising & Development Officer and Mason Cole, Operations Coordinator, presented the Island Health Foundation 2025 fundraising results and 2026 priorities. In 2025, the Foundation

funded \$3,296,759 in support of Island Health initiatives. For 2026, \$3,110,061 has been committed to Island Health. The primary focus is modernization of 25 inpatient rooms to improve technology and patient experience. The 23rd Annual Gala of Hope, scheduled for April 25, 2026, will support inpatient room modernization project. The Board acknowledged the report and expressed appreciation for the Foundation's continued growth and impact.

4. Medical Staff:

Medical Staff Report

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

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

Credentials:

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

5. Reports/Discussions:

Due to time constraints, there was no Legislative update.

6. Consent Agenda:

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

7. Board Quality & Patient Safety:

Executive Session:

Commissioner Lang called for an executive session for a review of the report or the activities of a quality improvement committee (QIC). RCW 70.44.062(2). The session was expected to be thirty (30) minutes in length. At the end of the Executive Session the Board expected no action to be taken and therefore did not reconvene.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ethics Committee Presentation at upcoming Regular Board Meeting-January Board Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Lang called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:45 am.

Lynne Lang, PhD, President/Commissioner

Jan Iversen, Commissioner

Warren Tessler, Secretary/Commissioner

James Tangaro, Commissioner

Joseph Mulcahy, MD, Commissioner