June 25, 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 June 25, 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;, Colin Walker, CAS, Jim Smith, Interim CFO and Kim Graf, Executive Business Manager

Not present: Jennifer Graham, CNO

Public Comment, if any:

The following made public comments related to Island Primary Care Orcas Clinic provider staffing: Mark Salierno, Elizabeth Louton, Bonnie Oak Boesky, Jill Sherman, Natalie Zohar, Martha Kramer, Rachel Factor and Rebecca Cohen.

Darrell Kirk requested to speak with an Island Health representative regarding the Orcas Clinic provider staff. It was noted that Island Health will have Director of Marketing and Communications, Laura Moroney, follow up with Mr. Kirk.

Action Items Completed

Sent Washington Rural Labor and Delivery Coalition Video-Request to resend link completed.

May Spotlights:

Patient Experience:

Elise Cutter shared a patient experience story from Island Orthopedics.

Board Quality & Patient Safety:

Commissioner Tangaro briefly remarked on the recent Quality Management Organization where MQI, dashboard tracking and policies were discussed.

Dr. Hogge provided an update on regulatory surveys and organizational quality process improvement initiatives. It was reported that Island Health achieved 2025 Medicaid Quality Incentive (MQI). The measures tracked were: Climate Change, Language Access, Sepsis, Naloxone Distribution, Safe Deliveries and Workplace Violence. Healthcare Authority makes the final decision regarding awarding the 1% financial incentive that Island Health is eligible for achieving the 2025 MCI goals.

Medical Staff:

Medical Staff Report:

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

- Department of Medicine
- Credentials & Bylaws
- Quality Insurance
- Clinical Ethics
- Medical Staff Meeting

Credentials:
After review and discussion, Commissioner Mulcahy motioned to approve the Credentials list with the correction of specialty for Dr. Chang from OB/GYN to Podiatry. Commissioner Tangaro seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Iversen, Tessler, Tangaro and Mulcahy all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Reports/Discussion:

Colin Walker, CAS, provided an ambulatory services update highlighting the following:

- Visit trends for Island Orthopedics, Island Sports and Spine, Island Surgeons
- Provider staffing updates for primary care and specialty care clinics
- Access times for Walk In Clinic, Primary Care and Specialty Care Clinic

Colin shared that Island Surgeons will be rebranded to Island General Surgery and Gastroenterology to better identify specific services provided in the department.

Galina Gandy, CIO, was pleased to share that Gina Leone has joined Island Health Leadership Team serving as the Director of Diagnostic Imaging. Gina's focus will be operational excellence and improving access for diagnostic imaging services. Galina thanked the Island Health

Foundation for their generous gift to fund the purchase of a new mammography machine noting that a vendor fair will be scheduled to view various equipment options available for purchasing.

Galina shared that Suki, an ambient listening application for documentation, is now finally fully integrated into Meditech. This application is offered to all primary care and specialty care providers and will soon be available to providers in the Emergency Department and to Hospitalist.

Resolution 2026-2198:

There was brief discussion of rescheduling the July and October Regular Board Meetings to the following dates: July 30^{th} and October 29^{th}.

After discussion, Commissioner Iversen motioned to approve the Resolution 2026-2198 as presented. Commissioner Lang seconded the motion. Commissioners Lang, Iversen, Tessler, Tangaro and Mulcahy all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

Chief Medical Officer Recognition:

In recognition of Dr. Hogge's pending retirement, Commissioner Lang read a letter of appreciation recognizing Dr. Hogge for his visionary leadership and dedicated service while serving as a family medicine physician and as our Chief Medical Officer.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Lang called for an Executive Session to Discuss potential litigation with legal counsel representing the District when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequences to the District RCW.42.30.110(1)(i)

The session is expected to last 30 minutes and no action will be taken therefore the board will not reconvene.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:45am.

ACTION ITEMS:

- CARES Champions attend June Board Meeting for recognition-May Board Meeting

- Referrals and Authorization Process Improvement Project Presentation-April Board Meeting

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
Warren Tessler, Secretary/Commissioner	James Tangaro, Commissioner
Joseph Mulcahy, MD, Commissioner	