

March 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 10:59 am by Board President, Commissioner Golder. Present were Commissioner, James Golder; Commissioner, Marion Jouas; Commissioner, Ron Wallin; Commissioner, Kate Rose; Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Executive Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates; Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Garth Miller; Executive Director of Nursing, Curtis Shumate; Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner; Medical Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert Rookstool; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason. Commissioner Greg Richardson is in attendance remotely. Dominic Symes from HealthTech was also in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the February 27, 2025, board meeting minutes. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion with a change to the meeting minutes, noting that on page 5 the “CEO Assessments” will be changed to read “Board of Commissioners self-assessments”. The Consent Agenda is approved with this change.

Call to Order/Points of Order

No points of order were presented at this time.

Medical Staff Report

Chief of Credentials, Dr. Robert Rookstool

Dr. Rookstool presents the credentials report to the board.

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Matthew D. Bourne, DO, Tele-Radiology, Provisional Tele-Medicine
- Nanci M. Mercer, MD, Skagit Radiology - Remote, Provisional Courtesy
- Sean P. Whalen, MD, Skagit Radiology - Remote, Provisional Courtesy
- Janis M. Yee, MD, Skagit Radiology - Remote, Provisional Courtesy

department to review this policy before bringing it for approval at the Medical Executive Committee.

Commissioner Jouas motions to approve Medical Staff Policy #18. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Medical Staff Policy #27 - Practitioners Response to Call. The intent is to clarify the expectations for a consulting provider, and which point they will decide how acute the situation is. This kind of contract is standard for provider contracts and expectations.

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve Medical Staff Policy #27. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Medical Staff Policy #29 - General Surgeon Role in Care of Trauma Patients. Trauma patients are admitted to surgeons. If a surgeon sees a patient in the ER, they can decide to delegate a patient to a hospitalist or other medical staff.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve Medical Staff Policy #29. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist Privilege Set - Operating Room Procedure. CMS has established an exemption for certified nurse anesthetists. We are following a state mandate.

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve this privilege set. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Public Comments

South Whidbey Fire and EMS will be hosting a preparedness conference at South Whidbey High School on April 18th.

IT and Facilities Report

Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner

IT is continuing to optimize Meditech Expanse. A new PET scanner will be on-site twice a month for Diagnostic Imaging. We are working to get a PET Scanner added to the new room. EMS has two new rigs; we are in the process of getting them outfitted. We had special review services review four of our buildings. The OR project has started, with a goal of completion by July 22nd. The ER facelift will start in May and will include a redesign of the front reception area. We hope to have this project completed by August.

Operations and Outpatient Services Report

Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Garth Miller

We have a \$2.6 million grant to support Behavioral Health services on the island. We have a tenth provider starting next month. There is concern that funding cuts could lead to the elimination of the HRSA grant, so this is something that we need to monitor.

We have two additional providers starting in the Walk-in clinics. We now have enough staff to be able to open our Coupeville walk-in clinic on Saturdays starting on May 5th. NP Roxanna McDonald started next month in the Primary Care Clinics. We have other candidates coming to interview in the coming weeks. Our two orthopedic surgeons are departing the organization. The Fred Hutch Cancer Center is sending many of their patients to us for treatment because of the confidence they have in our program. A pharmacy vending machine is being installed near the front entrance for after hours medication needs for items such as pain medication, antibiotics, etc.

Nursing Report

Executive Director of Nursing, Curtis Shumate

Adjournment

Commissioner Golder adjourns the board meeting at 12:28 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason.



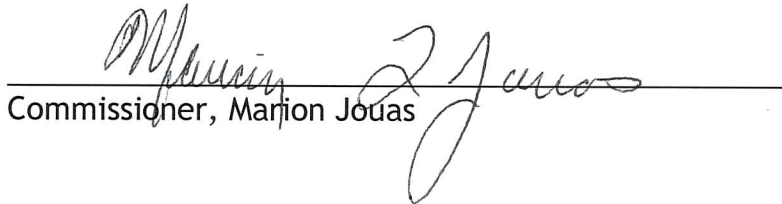
President of the Commission, James Golder



Secretary of the Commission, Ron Wallin



Commissioner, Greg Richardson



Commissioner, Marion Joudas

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