

May 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 11:00 am by Board President, Commissioner Golder. Present were Commissioner, James Golder; Commissioner, Marion Jouas; Commissioner, Greg Richardson; Commissioner, Ron Wallin; Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs; Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Executive Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates; Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner; Medical Chief of Staff past, Dr. David Lemme; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason. Patrick Banks from HealthTech was also in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Wallini seconds the motion. The Consent Agenda is approved.

Call to Order/Points of Order

Commissioner Jouas shares a tribute to former WhidbeyHealth Commissioner Kate Rose, who passed away in April. There was an announcement in the Whidbey News Times reporting the passing of Commissioner Rose.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Medical Staff Report

Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert Rookstool

Dr. Rookstool presents the credentials report to the board.

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Ashwin V. Deshmukh, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, Provisional Courtesy
- Douglas T. Hidlay Jr MD, Diagnostic Imaging Skagit Radiology - Remote, Prov. Courtesy
- Mihai F. Iancu MD, Diagnostic Imaging Skagit Radiology - Remote, Prov. Courtesy
- Kemp T. Knott MD, Diagnostic Imaging Skagit Radiology - Remote, Prov. Courtesy
- Brandon McKinney DO, Orthopedic Surgery, Provisional Active
- Randi Murphy FNP, Primary Care - Cabot, Provisional Active
- Tamara S. Snyder ARNP, Walk-In Clinic - Coupeville, Provisional Active
- Zakiahmad H. Mavli MD, Family Medicine, TeleHospitalist - Provisional Telemedicine

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Initial Appointments. Commissioner

Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

ADVANCEMENTS

- Allen T. Chen MD, Diagnostic Imaging, Skagit Radiology, Active Staff
- Lauren J. Cotton PMHNP, Behavioral Health, Active Staff
- Kimia K. Kani MD, TeleRadiology - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Elissa B. Porath PA-C, Emergency Medicine, Active Staff
- Kara E. Sawyer MD, Emergency Medicine, Courtesy Staff
- Matthew G. Scott MD, Internal Medicine, Hospitalist, Courtesy Staff
- Rida Jamal MD, Internal Medicine, Hospitalist, Active Staff

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Advancements. Commissioner Wallin

seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

REAPPOINTMENTS

- Timothy A. Conner, MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Jason E. Grennan MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- David S. Henley MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Jonathan A. Jaksha MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Hemal H. Kadakia MD, Internal Medicine, Tele-Hospitalist - TeleMedicine
- Jarret C. Kuo MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Steven T. McCormack MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Mohammed F. Quraishi MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Veronica Y. Ruvo DO, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Michelle M. Sanborn MD, Internal Medicine, Tele-Hospitalist - TeleMedicine
- Shannon L. St. Clair MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine
- Frank J. Welte MD, Diagnostic Imaging - Real Radiology, TeleMedicine

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Reappointments. Commissioner

Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

NEW PRIVILEGE REQUEST

- Caitlin E. Brazle PA-C - Walk-In Clinic, Goldie (will be Hybrid with Primary Care)

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the New Privilege Request.

Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Teleradiology Privileges - This is a very minor change. The BLS department was removed.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve this Teleradiology Privileges form.

Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Emergency Medicine Privileges - This is for Emergency Medicine, ER and Board-certified physicians are required to maintain ACLS training. This change follows the recommendation of the ER director and board certifications.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve this Emergency Medicine Privileges form. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

HealthTech Update

Patrick Banks, HealthTech

HealthTech has been monitoring the budget situation as well as many hospitals around the country to assess the financial challenges facing hospitals. WhidbeyHealth is sheltered somewhat by its critical access status. The challenges facing WhidbeyHealth are not as dire as some other rural hospitals, but there are still challenges, especially in regard to drug and supply costs, as well as Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls.

Commissioner Richardson would like to see a marketing campaign outlining the services that will be lost as community members and potential patients go off island for services.

Quality and Compliance Report

Executive Director of Quality and Transformations, Shanna Harney-Bates

Shanna Harney-Bates updates the board on highlights from the month of April.

Simulation training for respiratory events will take place June 24-26. MA-R program will start July 2025. The CNA program will start in September 2025 with 8 students. Implementation of HCAHPS surveys starting in September will hopefully increase response rates.

An update to the Strategic Plan shows 100% completion rate of all goals for Quarter 1 of 2025. Quarter 2 goals show a low of 78% completion rate with time left in the quarter and an expected completion rate of 100% by the end of the quarter.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers

We are showing a net surplus of \$\$890k, which exceeded budget by \$748k. Total operating revenue exceeded budget by \$2.1 million. Patient volumes are very strong with the exception of primary care. Total days cash on hand measures 4.1 days. This is an increase of 1.9 days from the prior month. We are hopeful to have our net account receivable days down to 50 by the end of the year. Currently they are at 62 days. Our cash on hand numbers have benefited from recent levy receipts. The cashflow forecast shows a projection of 35 days of cash on hand by November. We are expecting a reduction in cash due to our Operating Room closure in July which will last 3 weeks.

IT and Facilities Report

Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner

Commissioner Wallin commented on the work Tim and the staff have done to keep the building updated. IT continues to work on multiple rapid improvement events and on Expanse upgrades. We have been reviewing phone systems to evaluate our options and incorporate a potential change to the system.

The air handler will be removed June 30th. July the OR will be shut down for renovations. The ER project is fast-tracked and should be starting next Wednesday.

Operations and Outpatient Services Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

We are attempting to recruit Primary Care Providers. The clinics are working hard to continue to be able to see patients. We have 2-3 providers coming this summer, which will help but we still have waiting lists to see providers. The new call center appears to be working well. We are still working on solutions to get medical records migrated over to Expanse.

Nursing Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

We have not had too many boarders in recent weeks. This is a concern of Nathan's around Medicaid cuts - it could impact the nursing homes and make it harder to transfer patients out of the hospital to the long-term care facilities.

Administrative Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

We do not have any plans to start a long-term care facility at the moment, but we could look into doing something in the field in the coming years. We do not currently have facilities that are capable of handling this kind of department.

General Board Items

EMS Director Chris Tumblin gives an update on Emergency Medical Services.

Recruitment of Orthopedic Surgeons should benefit both EMS and the hospital.

Committee Assignment Updates - Commissioner Jouas will be assigned to the Medical Executive Committee. Commissioner Wallin will move from the Medical Executive Committee to the Medical Staff Committee. Commissioner Golder will attend the

Island County Board of Health meetings along with Commissioner Wallin.

Commissioner Richardson will serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Richardson will also join the Document Control Committee.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the changes to the committee assignments. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Nomination for Candidate to fill vacant position - The process requires that the board nominate an individual to fill the vacant board position. After that nomination, the community will have 15 days to submit nominations for the open position. After that time, the board will interview the applicants and vote on one to fill the vacant position.

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve James Canby as a candidate for the vacant position. Commissioner Richardson seconds the motion. Motion is approved to nominate James Canby as a candidate for the vacant position.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was taken.

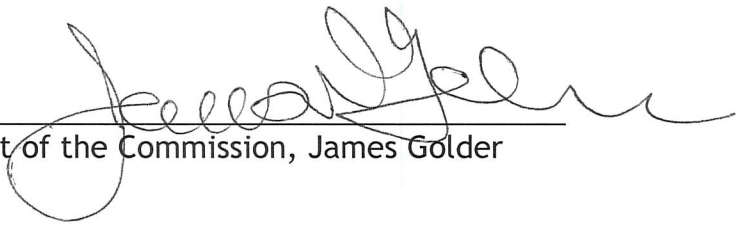
Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Wallin - Enjoyed his tour of the hospital roof to see all the work being done on the building.

Commissioner Jouas - Would like to see us get out in the community to talk about the new Emergency Room and the updates being done at the hospital.

Adjournment

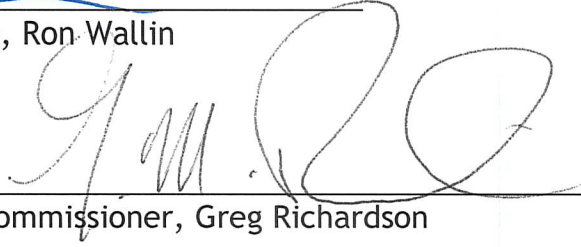
Commissioner Golder adjourns the board meeting at 12:18 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason.



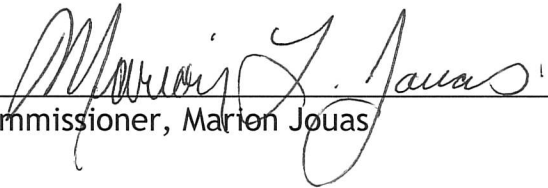
President of the Commission, James Golder



Secretary of the Commission, Ron Wallin



Commissioner, Greg Richardson



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