

June 26, 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; Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert Rookstool; Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs; Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Executive Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason. Dominic Symes from HealthTech was also in attendance.

Consent Agenda

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

Call to Order/Points of Order

Resolution #480 - Public Records Requests. This resolution updates our current policies to better align with existing RCWs.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve Resolution #480. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion to approve Resolution #480 is approved.

Board of Health Letter - This letter is for the Island County Board of Health, authorizing Commissioner James Golder to attend the monthly board meeting in the event that Commissioner Wallin is unable to attend.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Island County Board of Health letter. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Island County Board of Health Letter is approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Island County Update

Shawn Morris, ND, Director, Island County Public Health

Shawn presents the mission and vision of Island County Public Health, as well as essential services. He also addresses different demographics that are impacted by their work. Island County also does emergency preparedness, as well as monitoring food and water safety, and habitat restoration. Island County Public Health works with WhidbeyHealth on Tuberculosis, infectious diseases, provider education, and health assessment.

Medical Staff Report

Chief of Staff, Dr. Robert Rookstool

Dr. Rookstool presents the credentials report to the board.

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

- George Leonard MD, Pathology, Provisional Courtesy
- Kirsten Andrews MD, Family Practice, Freeland PC - Provisional Active
- Greg Sarin DO, Orthopedic Surgery, Locum Tenens
- Justin Costello DO, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy
- Eugene Chung MD, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy
- Nidal Dabbasi MD, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy
- Juan Lopez MD, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy
- Poyan Rafiei MD, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy
- Stanley R. Smith MD, Real Radiology TeleRadiology, Provisional Courtesy

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Initial Appointments. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

ADVANCEMENTS

- Joseph Skowronski MD, Emergency Medicine, Courtesy
- Tyler Willis NP, Internal Medicine Hospitalist, Active Staff
- Meghan Romba MD, Tele Stroke, Courtesy
- Janice M. Hesler, PMHNP, Tele Psych-ED, Tele Medicine

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Advancements. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

REAPPOINTMENTS

- Akash Attreya DO, Sound Physicians Tele Hospitalist, Courtesy
- Ronald Beresky MD, General Surgery, Active Staff

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Reappointments. Commissioner Jouas seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

HealthTech Update

Dominic Symes, HealthTech

The HealthTech annual conference is just over two months away. All of the HealthTech hospitals have been approved for the Employee Retention Credit applications.

HealthTech has established two grants, one of which is a three-year grant. HealthTech will be looking at that and pursuing it. The board discusses the possibility of using a grant to acquire a Da Vinci machine, a robotic surgical system. Some of our physicians already have training on this machine, others would require additional training.

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 May. The Medical Assistant Registered program will start in July. The Certified Nurses Assistant will start in September 2025. HCAOPS scores are at or near benchmarks for the month of May.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers

We are reporting a total net loss of \$132k. Total operating revenue and expenses exceeded budgets. Clinic volumes have shown favorable growth. WhidbeyHealth has a total days of cash-on-hand of 14.2 days. Our days in accounts receivable is at 61 days. Paul would like to see us get down to 50 days. The cashflow forecast shows a 26 week total of \$106 million gained. Our days of cash-on-hand is expected to hit 44 days of cash on hand by the end of the year.

IT and Facilities Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

There was a support beam that was discovered that is not the correct grade for where it is placed. The weight load is being exceeded, and it will need to be replaced. Tim and Nathan are working on getting an estimate to replace the beam. Work on the front entrance is ongoing. The ER room upgrades have been started, and progress is positive. We are expecting this project to be completed by October.

Operations and Outpatient Services Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Nursing Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Administrative Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

General Board Items

Tax dollars for the hospital make up about 5%, significantly lower than the schools. Commissioner Golder believes it is time to look at increasing our levy amounts. He would like to discuss with our attorney to develop an appropriate percentage increase.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was taken.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Richardson gives an update on his experience at the Rural Hospital Leadership Conference. One of the most engaging presentations at the conference was in regard to cyber security and how hospitals can combat those effects. The other

topic of discussion at the conference was Quality. Lastly, the pending legislation and funding issues regarding Medicaid and uncompensated care are issues that we need to monitor.

Commissioner Jouas notes that CMS has updated standards for board members regarding safety and quality. There will be a work session on July 10 to interview the candidates for the open positions. Commissioner Jouas would also like to add the updating of the Bylaws and the job description. Commissioner Golder comments that the bylaws need to go through the bylaws committee, then through our attorney before being presented to the board for approval.

Adjournment

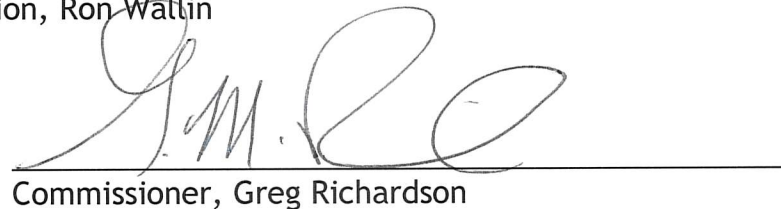
Commissioner Golder adjourns the board meeting at 12:11 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason.



President of the Commission, James Golder



Secretary of the Commission, Ron Wallin



Commissioner, Greg Richardson



Commissioner, Marion Jouas