

July 10, 2025

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 12:59 pm by Board President, Commissioner Golder. Present were Commissioner, James Golder; Commissioner, Marion Jouas; Commissioner, Greg Richardson; Commissioner, Ron Wallin; Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason.

Candidate Interviews

Henry Veldman - Commissioner Golder introduces the first candidate, Henry Veldman, and invites Mr. Veldman to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Veldman speaks about his experience as a healthcare executive. He spent 25 years with Kaiser Permanente. He has over 40 years of experience in the field of Healthcare. Much of his experience took place in the California bay area and Oregon before he moved up to Washington. He is interested in this opportunity because he lives in the community and knows the importance of the commissioner role in the hospital ecosystem.

Jamie Canby - Jamie Canby is a current resident of Clinton, Washington. He believes the CEO and CFO have built a strong relationship and would like to work to ensure that WhidbeyHealth is the facility of choice for the Whidbey Island Community. Jamie speaks of the need to sell the services of the hospital to the community, along with his background in healthcare operations management and healthcare financial management background. Mr. Canby is currently running for a position for the board of commissioners, which would be for the full 6-year term. Mr. Canby speaks to furthering the mission of restoring the reputation of the hospital, particularly on the south end of Whidbey island.

Executive Session

The board will move to Executive Session to discuss the qualifications for candidates for the board as allowed under RCW 42.30.111(1)(h). The board moved to Executive

Session at 2:25 pm and will be in Executive Session for 15 minutes, returning at 2:40 pm.

The board returns from Executive Session at 2:39 and notifies the attendees of the meeting that they will return to Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes, returning at 2:50 pm.

The board adjourns Executive Session at 2:48 pm, and returns to the regular board meeting at 2:50 pm.

Commissioner Vote to fill Vacant Position

The board discusses the two candidates. Commissioner Wallin expresses his appreciation for both candidates. Commissioner Richardson remarked that both candidates came very well prepared and has a working understanding of the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Wallin makes a motion to nominate Jamie Canby to fill the position. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Commissioners Wallin, Richardson, and Golder each vote to affirm this motion. Commissioner Jouas votes nay on this motion. The motion passes, and Jamie Canby is selected to fill the position.

The commissioners remark on Mr. Veldman's qualifications and encourage him to remain involved in the hospital, either as a community member on committees or as a write-in candidate in the upcoming election.

Mr. Canby recites the oath of office and is sworn in by Commissioner Golder.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Richardson remarks that the board still needs to update their bylaws.

The commissioners decide to meet to discuss the bylaws at the end of the July board meeting scheduled for July 24, 2025.

Adjournment


Commissioner Golder adjourns the board meeting at 3:02 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason.



President of the Commission, James Golder



Secretary of the Commission, Ron Wallin



Commissioner, Greg Richardson



Commissioner, Marion Jouas

