

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 28, 2026
1:00 pm

Agenda	Discussion	Action Items
Call to Order	Call to Order The meeting of the board of commissioners meeting of WhidbeyHealth Medical Center was called to order at 1:00 pm by board president Marion Jouas. The meeting took place in the HEC AB Conference Room at WhidbeyHealth Medical Center. Commissioners present: Marion Jouas, RN Kirk Gasper, MD Katherine Nelson Marcy Shimada Present: Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason	
Consent Agenda	Election Process Discussion Purpose of the meeting is to interview candidates for the vacant position on the WhidbeyHealth Board of Commissioners.	

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Public comments	Public Comments No public comments were made.	

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Executive Session	Executive Session - The board will move to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. - The board will move to Executive Session for a length of 55 minutes and will return to open session at 1:55 pm. - No decisions were made and no votes were taken.	Board exits Open Session: 1:00 pm Board in Executive Session: 1:00 pm Board exits Executive Session: 1:55 pm Board returns to Open Session: 1:55 pm

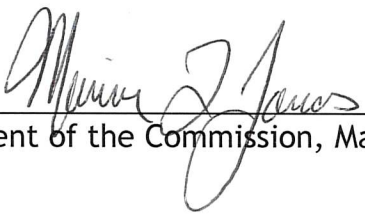
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Candidate Interviews	Candidates to fill position 4: Dennis Rochier, MD, Jack Schwab, Mary Engle - The three candidates will all be interviewed together in a group setting. Jack Schwab - Mr. Schwab was a management consultant for over 30 years and is recently retired. He considers himself a natural leader who has gravitated towards leadership positions since a young age. - Mr. Schwab would focus on improving the appointment process. He has experience dealing with finances and prioritizing major expenses. Mary Engle - Mrs. Engle spent 32 years working for Island County and recently retired. She has a lot of experience in Island County government. - Mrs. Engle’s primary focus as a commissioner would be on finances and community interaction around customer service. - Mrs. Engle brings a lot of experience with RCWs and the department of revenue. She also has experience with strategic planning. Dennis Rochier, MD - Dr. Rochier ran for a vacant position last fall and was a practicing physician for many years on Whidbey Island. Dennis started the hospitalist program in South King County. Dr. Rochier worked for WhidbeyHealth for several years after his first retirement. - Dr. Rochier would focus on provider retention, days cash-on-hand, and customer service.	

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Executive Session	Executive Session - The board will move to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elected office. - The board will move to Executive Session for a length of 25 minutes and will return to open session at 3:30 pm. - No decisions were made and no votes were taken.	Board out of Open Session: 3:05 pm Board in Executive Session: 3:08 pm Board exits Executive Session: 3:29 pm Board returns to Open Session: 3:30 pm

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Candidate Nomination	Commissioner Candidate Nomination. - Commissioner Shimada appreciates the fearlessness displayed by Mr. Schwab, Mrs. Engle’s experience with the county, and Dr. Rochier’s process improvement background. - Commissioner Gasper expresses appreciation to Mr. Schwab and Dr. Rochier for submitting their names for consideration again after previous attempts. He also expresses appreciation for Mrs. Engle as the only lifelong resident of the island among the candidates. - Commissioner Nelson was encouraged to see the caliber of candidates that applied for this position. - Commissioner Jouas thanks the candidates for putting themselves through this interview process. - Commissioner Nelson motions to appoint Mary Engle. Commissioner Shimada seconds the motion. The board approves the motion with all voting in favor.	Motion to Appoint Mary Engle to position 4: Comm. Nelson Seconded: Comm. Shimada Motion is approved

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Executive Session	Executive Session - The board will move to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee. - The board will move to Executive Session for a length of 32 minutes and will return to open session at 4:15 pm. - No decisions were made and no votes were taken.	Board out of Open Session: 3:42 pm Board in Executive Session: 3:42 pm Board exits Executive Session: 4:17 pm Board returns to Open Session: 4:17 pm

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Adjournment	- The next regular board meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27 at 11:00 am. - The board meeting is adjourned at 4:17 pm. - Minutes taken by John Gleason.	Motion to adjourn: Comm. Shimada Seconded: Comm. Gasper Motion is approved



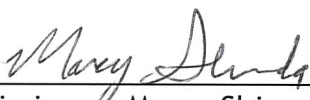
President of the Commission, Marion Jouas, RN



Commissioner, Kirk Gasper, MD



Commissioner, Katherine Nelson



Commissioner, Marcy Shimada