

## Orcas Island Health Care District

### Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Orcas Island Public Library  
500 Rose St, Eastsound, WA 98245

Or online via Zoom:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2606173610>

### Agenda

- I. **Call To Order – Special Board Meeting** President Salierno
- II. **Land Acknowledgement & Mission Minute** President Salierno
- III. **Special Meeting Public Comment** President Salierno  
*Comments received via email will be read by the Superintendent. Meeting participants will be asked to raise their hand and will be called on to deliver their comment.*  
  
*Generally, the Commissioners do not respond to specific comments or engage in dialogue during the public comment period; however, the President may direct staff to follow up with the speaker as appropriate. Public comment is for members of the public to inform the Board of their views regarding Board business.*
- IV. **Consent Agenda – Action** President Salierno
  - a. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – 01/28/2026**
  - b. **AP Voucher Report – 02/10/2026 - \$66,188.05**  
**Action:** *Approve Consent Agenda*
- V. **Strategic Planning Retreat Follow-up** Tim Corey
- VI. **Superintendent Report** Superintendent Chord
  - a. **FY2025 Financial Report & Jan 2026 Monthly Report**
  - b. **Building & Facilities Planning Committee:**
    - i. Finalized terms with DLR Group – phased approach that allows review and approval process at different points in the process – Did add a pre-design phase for civil engineering and layout out of current floor plan.
    - ii. Financial Advising Consultants recommendations:
      - 1. Contract with PFM for Public Financing advising – Roughly 3 months to provide advice on bond financing recommendations.

2. Contract with Pacifica Group for legal advising in public financing process once determination that bond issuance is correct route
3. Contract with High Point Healthcare Real Estate for non-bond financing recommendations, NFTC, Grant opportunities, etc.
- iii. Site Survey completed and provided to A&E firm
- iv. Water Leak fixes completed at clinic
- v. Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance Worker w/ Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, Orcas Island Public Library

**c. Operations Committee**

- i. Front Desk Position filled, started week of 02/17
- ii. Offer out for 0.6 FTE MA position
- iii. Still recruiting for 1.0 FTE MA open position for when Cameron Fralick starts
- iv. Welcome event for Cameron Fralick – early April?
- v. Dr. Watkins, general surgeon, begins 1x month days on Orcas on April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- vi. Dr. Billows saw 116 Unique Patients, 220+ visits, and over 1,000 billable services for Orcas patients in 2025
- vii. Discussed challenges of Ambetter access off-island, as referrals to Skagit and others are not able to be seen because of insurance challenges.

**2025 Strategic Priority Areas:**

**d. Orcas Dental Access**

- i. Formally ended our contract with lobbyists – WAC language has been added in 2026 to mandate rebasing for all Medicare Cost Report clinics when a change in scope occurs
- ii. Will need to connect with OICF to discuss next years plans for service level

**e. Accounting Transition**

- i. Looking to engage new consultant to support accounting on a quarterly basis

**f. SJ Community Health Network**

- i. Inaugural Convening set for Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ii. Memorandum of Understanding requested to be signed by Hospital Districts & Resource Centers.

**g. Orcas Community Health Projects**

- i. MIH Program updated with three-year forecast provided.
- ii. OIHCD request is for \$76,000 for year one, and AWPHD is willing to put in \$10,000.
- iii. Grant requests out to Peace Health Community Health Fund, OICF is seeking individual donors, proposed to Humana and others.
- iv. Home Care initiative needs funding to continue to develop app, regular caregiver gathering through Senior Center, manage home care provider list.

- v. Lion's club has significant funding for home care work, but not clear on how they will distribute or focus those funds in the next year. Lindsay from OICF strongly supports OIHCD leading development of home care collaborative work.

h. **Other Items:**

- i. Strategic Facilities Plan Presentation to Clinic Staff – March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1 PM

**VII. Old Business –**

- a. **Orcas Community Resource Center Financial Support Contract**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve updated OCRC support contract

**VIII. New Business –**

- a. **DLR Group Architecture & Engineering Firm Contract**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve Professional Services Agreement
- b. **PFM Public Financing Advising Consulting Contract**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve contract with PFM
- c. **Inter-local Agreement for Maintenance Worker Time**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve signature of Inter-local agreement
- d. **Community Health Network / CHIP Process Memorandum of Understanding**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve Superintendent signature of SJC MOU
- e. **MIH Program Funding Decision**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve year 1 support of MIH program
- f. **GiveOrcas Application for Home Care Collaboration Support**
  - i. **Potential Action:** Approve application to support home care collaborative

**IX. Public Comment**

President Salierno

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**X. Upcoming Meetings & Activities - Information**

- a. **SJC Community Health Network Meeting – Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> – Noon**
- b. **OIHCD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM**
- c. **SJC Community Health Network Inaugural Convening – Thursday April 2nd**

**XI. Adjourn – Action**

President Salierno

*Land Acknowledgement:*

*We acknowledge that Orcas Island is the traditional land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi and Samish tribes. They have lived here and cared for this land for generations, and they continue to do so today. We honor their connection to this place.*