

SJCPHD#3: Orcas Island Health Care District
Special Board Meeting – Minutes
February 17th, 2025



Orcas Island Health Care District
Minutes of the February 17th, 2025
Board of Commissioners
Special Board Meeting

Commissioners Present:

Mark Salierno
Chelsie Guilford
Alison Sanders
Dave Zoeller

Absent: Diane Boteler

Staff:

Chris Chord, Superintendent
Ellen Fraser, Administrative Assistant

I. Call To Order – Special Board Meeting

President Salierno called the February 17th Special Board Meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with a quorum of commissioners present.

II. Commissioner Additions to Board Agenda

President Salierno provided a recap of how the Health Care District is at the place of voting on a levy lid lift. While we have been in a favorable financial position, healthcare inflation is steadily rising and our expenses will eventually surpass our revenue. By increasing the levy, we will stabilize services for the future, extending new specialty services to the island, and allow savings for capital projects to modernize our facilities.

III. Public Comment

Iris Graville, President of Lopez Island Hospital District, expressed warm greetings and gratitude for long term cooperation and collaboration. She expressed support and assistance as we consider a levy lid lift.

IV. Old Business

District Financial Planning

Superintendent Chord shared the timeline of events for an April levy ballot. The Ballot Measure needs to be submitted by February 21st. President Salierno and Superintendent Chord worked with our legal counsel to develop the Ballot Measure. The County Prosecuting Attorney analyzes the Ballot Measures so if there is language that needs editing, the resolution allows for amendments by President Salierno and Superintendent Chord.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-01, “Resolution Authorizing Ballot Measure For Levy Lid Lift” made by Commissioner Zoeller; seconded by Commissioner Guilford. Motion approved 4 - 0.

V. Public Hospital District Financing

Matt Ellsworth, Executive Director of AWPFD, shared his recommendations for the next steps. He will provide direction to Superintendent Chord on compliance during the election process.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment.

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VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the February 17th Special Board Meeting made by Commissioner Zoeller; seconded by Commissioner Guilford. Motion approved 4 - 0. Special Board Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Minutes approved this 26th day of February, 2025.

Chelsie Guilford

Attest: Chelsie Guilford, OIHCD Board Secretary