

Orcas Island Health Care District

Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting

October 19th, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Orcas Island Community Foundation
33 Urner St #4, Eastsound, WA 98245

Or online via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

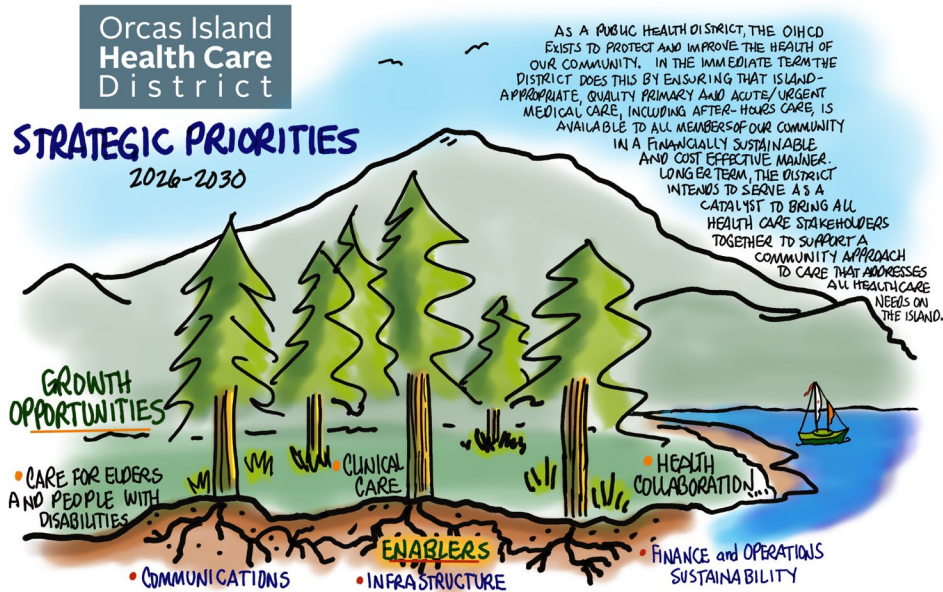
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Agenda

- I. **Call To Order – Special Board Meeting** President Salierno
- II. **Land Acknowledgement & Mission Minute**
- 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 – 09/23/2026**
 - b. **AP Voucher Report – 10/13/2026 - \$89,957.14**
Action: Approve Consent Agenda
- V. **Community Health Network Report-out** Trillium Swanson
- VI. **Superintendent Report** Superintendent Chord
2026 Aug-Sep Finance Report

2026 Strategic Priority Areas:
Enablers –
 - a. **Communications**
 - i. Newsletter, social media posts happening regularly.
 - ii. Discussed doing a quarterly, coffee with a staff member feature of clinic staff in the newsletter.



b. Infrastructure

- Pre-construction started week of 10/12
- Arranging meeting with DLR, Island Health, and OIHCDC to discuss expectations around ongoing timeline, included services and add-service situations.
- Narrative for Legislative Asks and Murdock Grant well developed, in packet.
- Was able to identify several lobbyist recommendations with a strong background in this work. Multiple strong proposals in packet.
- Maintenance worker has been working on projects!

c. Finance & Operations Sustainability

- State Auditor's Office provided checklist to prepare for next year's financial audit, which will need focus in the next few months.

Growth Opportunities –

d. Care for Elders and People with Disabilities

- Home Health Shortage Area Designation awaiting response from state.
- MIH was able to hire Libby Garcia as in-person RN for program, have two EMTs identified. A few months ahead of schedule in program timeline. Event 10/22 with OCRC, OIFR at Library to introduce program to community members.
- Caregiver Collaborative is looking at platform for caregiver coordination, met with SJCPHD1 to discuss opportunity for employed caregivers on Orcas. Will be working on proposal between OIHCDC & SJCPHD1.

e. Clinical Care (Operations Committee Review)

- Dr. Whitmire up to full capacity already, with 16 appts per day, and a goal of 18 visits per day. Clinic was 50+ visits above 2025 in September.
- Dr. Watkins General Surgery best day has been 10 days, still needs more promotion.

- iii. 19 After-hours patients seen at clinic between July-September, stronger awareness of that program in the community.
- iv. One RN hired, One RN position still open. Two MAs hired, one MA position being posted. Part-time front desk team member position is open again.

f. Health Collaboration

- i. CHN presentation included in packet and previously in meeting.

VII. Old Business

a. Legislative Lobbyist Support

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve contract with lobbyist

VIII. New Business

a. OCRC Support Requests

- i. Continuing Access Support Impact
- ii. CHW Staff Support

IX. 2027 Draft Budget Review

- a. Community Health Projects Cost Review

X. Public Comment

President Salierno

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XI. Upcoming Meetings & Activities - Information

- a. OIHCD Budget & Levy Hearing/Special Board Meeting – Thursday November 12th

XII. 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.

- ✧ Give land back to Indigenous communities
- ✧ Protect the environment and salmon. Tribal cultures depend on them
- ✧ Insist that the United States respect tribal sovereignty and uphold its trust responsibility to tribes, which includes appropriate levels of federal funding to support tribal needs
- ✧ Many promises to tribes still need to be kept
- ✧ Elect officials and judges that understand tribal governments, relationships, and law
- ✧ Invest in tribal communities
- ✧ Challenge and reject all stereotypes about Indigenous people
- ✧ Insist that your children and grandchildren are taught accurate information about the histories, cultures, and contemporary lives of Indigenous peoples in your school system
- ✧ Inform yourself about issues impacting Indigenous communities and speak up

Mission Minute:

Community Health Network Convening with all three health systems represented!

