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

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

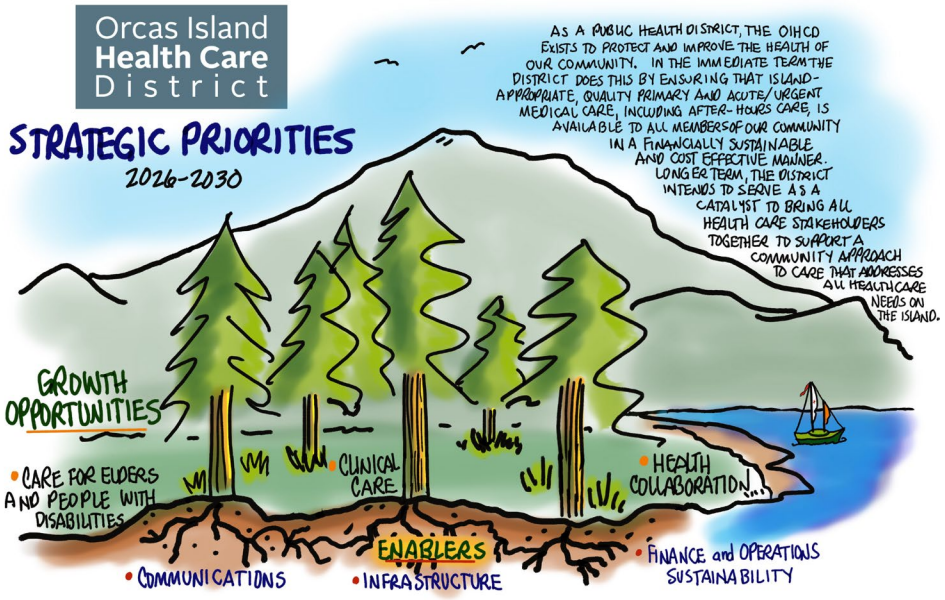
VI. Superintendent Report — Superintendent Chord

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

c. **Finance & Operations Sustainability**
    i. 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**
    i. Home Health Shortage Area Designation awaiting response from state.
    ii. 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.
    iii. 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 OIHCD & SJCPHD1.

e. **Clinical Care (Operations Committee Review)**
    i. 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.
    ii. 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