

Orcas Island Health Care District

Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting

May 27th, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

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

Or online via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

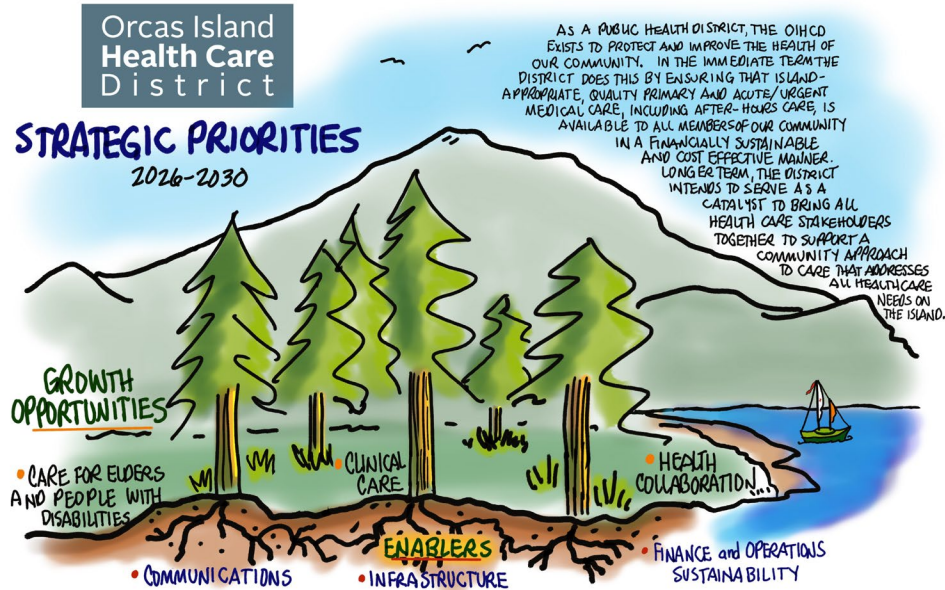
- I. **Call To Order – Regular Board Meeting** President Salierno
- II. **Land Acknowledgement & Mission Minute**
- III. **Regular Meeting Public Comment** President Salierno
Comments received via email will be read by the Superintendent. Meeting participants will be asked to raise their hand and will 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 – 04/22/2026**
 - b. **AP Voucher Report – 05/05/2026 - \$44,388.08**
 - c. **AP Voucher Report – 04/21/2026 - \$23,589.70**

Action: Approve Consent Agenda
- V. **Marketing & Communications Plan Presentation** Sarah Howard

VI. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Chord



2026 Strategic Priority Areas:

Enablers –

a. Communications

- GiveOrcas campaign was successful for caregiver project
- Ellen and Trillium will work with communications consultant to help develop communications templates for website, social media.

b. Infrastructure

- DLR Group met with clinic nurses to discuss triage space, clinic staff would like more small meetings with DLR group to go over plans more often.
- DLR Group has two town-hall dates selected for community presentations of the clinic expansion plans
- PFM provided initial scenario modeling, that shows overview of fundraising and non-public financing needs.
- Ready to contract with grants & non-public finances consultant and potentially connect with contractors around New Market Tax Credits

c. Finance & Operations Sustainability

- Ellen and Accounting consultant working to get accounting system reset. There was a lot of work that the previous accountant did that was not clear to us why, so have decided to overhaul our accounting process.
- OIFR should have a maintenance worker selected, can begin work on list of maintenance items identified by clinic.

Growth Opportunities -

d. Care for Elders and People with Disabilities

- i. Caregiver collaborative led by Debra O'Connor meeting monthly, looking for funds to help support caregiver continuing education costs.
- ii. Meeting with Northwest Regional Council to discuss caregiver collaboratives, opportunities to learn from other communities, and potential of Rural Health Transformation Project dollars.
- iii. MIH Committee met two times, will discuss budget options today with our board and provide a recommendation back to the committee on utilizing the donor funds. Should have an approved ILA for June board meeting.
- iv. Met w/ Wipfli, Alpha Home Health, and Island Health together to discuss home health shortage area designation. Received approval from Alpha to have a letter drafted addressed to the Regional Office of Rural Health, which then submits the request to CMS Regional Office.

e. Clinical Care

- i. Aimee was able to get approval to post an additional Front Desk full-time position, as they have been struggling with staff scheduling.
- ii. Were able to support pizza, breakfast, and staff travel to clinic week Friday gathering.
- iii. Met with local nurse practitioner who works independently, interested in coordinating to provide low-cost/free clinics.

f. Health Collaboration

- i. Community Health Network holding virtual meet-up June 16th to discuss project work/progress so far
- ii. Hospital District Board Chairs/one other commissioner meeting with County Council members to discuss administrative commitment to community health network
- iii. Met with Lopez to discuss working on MIH collectively

Committee Reports -

g. MIH Committee

VII. Old Business –

a. Orcas PT Support Contract

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve contract to support Medicaid PT services at Orcas PT

VIII. New Business –

a. Orcas Community Resource Center Grant Amendment

- i. **Potential Action:** Amend OCRC grant to include administrative support

b. Resolution 2026-03: Accept MIH Donation

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve resolution 2026-03 accepting OICF donation

c. Employment Contract Proposal

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve employment contract proposal for Superintendent

d. Non-public financing consulting contract

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve non-public financing consulting contract

e. **Engage Legal Counsel for Bond Financing**

- i. **Potential Action:** Approve Bond Financing Legal Counsel contract

IX. Executive Session

According to RCW 42.30.110 the board will convene an executive session to evaluate performance of a public employee. Time is estimated to be 15 minutes.

X. Public Comment

President Salierno

Meeting participants will be asked to raise their hand and will be called on to deliver their comment

XI. Upcoming Meetings & Activities - Information


- a. **Community Health Network Hybrid Meeting** – Tuesday June 16th
- b. **OIHCD Regular Board Meeting** – Wednesday June 24th
- c. **AWPHD Conference** – June 28 – July 1st
- d. **Clinic Expansion Town Hall** – Thursday July 23rd
- e. **Clinic Expansion Town Hall** – Wednesday August 26th

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.

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|  Give land back to Indigenous communities |  Invest in tribal communities |
|  Protect the environment and salmon. Tribal cultures depend on them |  Challenge and reject all stereotypes about Indigenous people |
|  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 |  Insist that your children and grandchildren are taught accurate information about the histories, cultures, and contemporary lives of Indigenous peoples in your school system |
|  Many promises to tribes still need to be kept |  Inform yourself about issues impacting Indigenous communities and speak up |
|  Elect officials and judges that understand tribal governments, relationships, and law | |

Mission Minute:

People don't want a handout, they need a hand-up.