

Orcas Island Health Care District

Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting

July 22nd, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

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

Or online via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Agenda

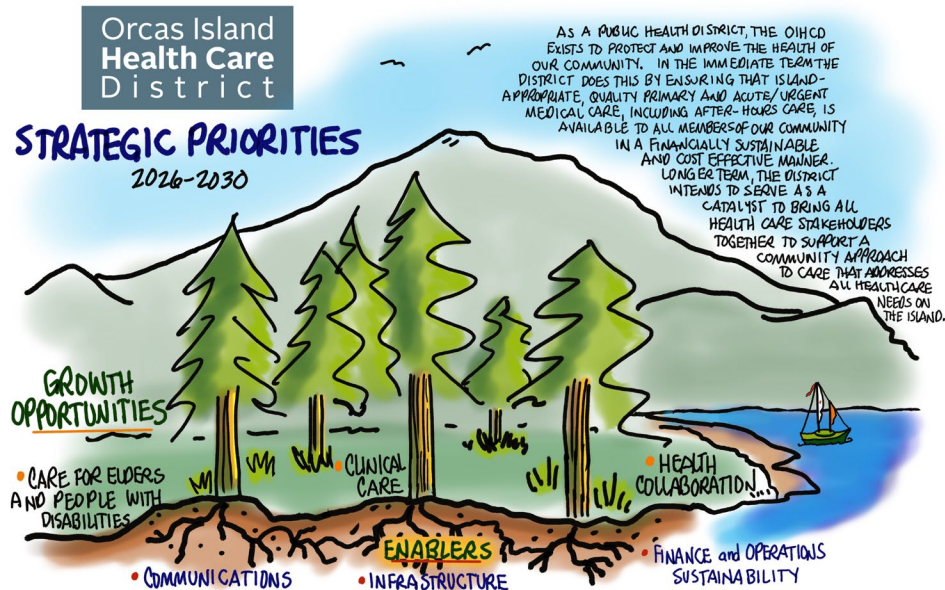
- I. **Call To Order – Regular Board Meeting** President Salierno
- II. **Land Acknowledgement & Mission Minute**
- III. **Regular Meeting Public Comment** President Salierno
Comments received via email will be read by the Superintendent. Meeting participants will be asked to raise their hand and will 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. **Public Financing Options Presentation** Duncan Brown, PFM
- V. **Community Health Projects Updates** Trillium Swanson
 - a. Community Health Network Presentation
 - b. MIH Project Updates
 - c. Caregiver Collaborative Updates
- VI. **Consent Agenda – Action** President Salierno
 - a. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – 06/24/2026**
 - b. **AP Voucher Report – 06/30/2026 - \$64,280.47**
 - c. **AP Voucher Report – 07/14/2026 - \$101,697.00**

Action: *Approve Consent Agenda*

VII. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Chord



2026 Strategic Priority Areas:

Enablers –

a. Communications

- OIHC District Newsletter launched 07/13, will try to do early in the month. Will have 2-4 social media posts per month
- Will be publishing a district semi-annual update first week of August

b. Infrastructure

- Schematic Design phase completed with DLR group, now moving into more in-depth design phases
- Geotech Assessment consultant contract signed, should be scheduling assessment in next few weeks
- Non-public financing consultant phase 1 contract signed, will be helping on general financing landscape for the project
- Maintenance worker at OIFR had an injury, so is out on leave for a few more weeks, but the process for submitting requests has been created

c. Finance & Operations Sustainability

- Ellen and Accountant re-working through payroll account accounting process
- Maintenance worker at OIFR had an injury, so is out on leave for a few more weeks, but the process for submitting requests has been created.

Growth Opportunities -

d. Care for Elders and People with Disabilities

- Caregiver Collaborative continues to meet monthly, with the next four months of education topics planned

- ii. Trillium & Debra met with Lion's club to discuss the funding support they have access to on an annual basis. Will be submitting a budget request to lion's club to support that work.
 - iii. OIFR signed contract with Debra O'Conner to help organize MIH program structure. Debra, Trillium, Dr. Corsa and Chad have been meeting to discuss program structure.
- e. **Clinical Care**
 - i. General Surgery has begun to come to visit the island 1x a month for consults, which they would like more promotion around
 - ii. Island Primary Care-Orcas was given permission to continue with their train your own, MA-R program that has allowed them to identify two local individuals who can take on the MA positions
 - iii. Front Desk staff members have returned from various leaves, and a new 0.6 FTE back-up role has been hired.
- f. **Health Collaboration**
 - i. Community Health Network Steering Committee is working on long-term funding for the project, including seeking North Sound ACH funding, AWPHD funding and other avenues
 - ii. At AWPHD Conference, discussion around Rural Health Transformation Funding for Rural hospitals was discussed – will need to collaborate with Island Health and Peace Health

VIII. Community Social Worker Discussion

Nathan Butler - San Juan Public Hospital District Superintendent

IX. Old Business –

- a. **Orcas PT Support Contract**
 - i. **Potential Action:** Update Contract for Orcas PT

X. New Business –

- a. **Community Health Projects Manager Role**
 - i. Proposal for continued employment of Community Health Projects Manager

XI. Public Comment

President Salierno

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XII. Upcoming Meetings & Activities - Information

- a. **Clinic Expansion Town Hall** – Thursday July 23rd – 5:30 – 7:00 PM – Orcas Center
- b. **Community Health Network Steering Committee Meeting** – Thursday August 20th
- c. **Clinic Expansion Town Hall** – Wednesday August 26th
- d. **OIHCD Special Board Meeting** – Monday August 31st
- e. **Community Health Network In-Person Convening** – Thursday September 16th

XIII. 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:

Chris Chord – Community Health Network Collaboration, in the age of healthcare uncertainty