

King County Public Hospital District No. 2  
d/b/a EvergreenHealth  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
EvergreenHealth Medical Center, Kirkland, WA  
May 2, 2023  
Special Session

Comms. Present: Comms. Cashman, Edwards, Hirt, McLaughlin, Pilcher, and Snyder  
Comm. DeYoung Excused

Medical Staff Leadership: None

Others Present: Chris Bredeson, Peggy Brown, Dave Likosky, MD, Ettore Palazzo, MD, Candace Scairpon, Jeff Tomlin, MD

Legal Counsel: None

Guests: See Exhibit A

**LEADERSHIP  
EDUCATIONAL  
SESSION**

Comm. Snyder called the May 2, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Strategic Growth Plan**

Jeff Tomlin, MD, CEO, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief introduction, noting that we are working to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We are regularly at 80% or greater bed capacity which does not leave much room for unexpected events, and as result we need more space and bed capacity. We have been doing a lot of work to put together a thoughtful plan that will meet the needs of our communities for many years to come, and in order to create this additional bed capacity we need the community's support. The Board of Commissioners will vote May 16<sup>th</sup> to determine if a UTGO Bond should be placed on the ballot in the fall of 2023.

**Public Comment**

Frank Gilbert, Kirkland resident, noted that the Eastside communities are rapidly growing and EvergreenHealth needs to grow with it. He noted that EvergreenHealth needs to provide education to the community regarding why hospital growth is so important, and that the District needs to be mindful of the current tax situation and provide as much information as possible to help taxpayers make an informed decision. He noted that some organizations are making tough decisions to cut back on services due to the constant budget deficits.

The Board engaged in discussion with Mr. Gilbert throughout.

Additionally, it was noted that if we had not built the Silver Tower in 2004, we would have been in a much different place during the pandemic. The Tower was built with taxpayer support.

**Adjourn**

The May 2, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District No. 2 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tim McLaughlin, Secretary/Commissioner  
May 16, 2023 12:47 PM PDT

**Exhibit A – Guests**

**Name**

Frank Gilbert