



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO.1**

Minutes  
August 1, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 1 ("SCPHD1") meeting was called to order by Commissioner Karen Gahm at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Gahm adjourned the SCPHD1 meeting into Executive Session as permitted by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h); to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. The session was scheduled for 15 minutes.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The open public meeting was reconvened at 4:15 p.m. by Commissioner Gahm. Present for the meeting was Karen Gahm, Chair & SCPHD#1 Commissioner; Alice Cabe, Secretary & SCPHD#1 Commissioner; Steve Matuschak, SCPHD#1 Commissioner; Charles Strub, SCPHD#1 Commissioner; Lisa LaPlante, EHM Chief Administrative Officer & District Superintendent; and Melissa Gray, Recording Secretary for the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public wished to comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Gahm presented the SCPHD1 Consent Agenda which included the July 5, 2023, SCPHD1 minutes. There being no questions, Commissioner Gahm called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

**Motion:** Commissioner Strub moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the July 5, 2023, SCPHD1 minutes. Commissioner Cabe seconded the motion. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

**Q2-2023 LARC UPDATE**

**CAO REPORT**

CAO LaPlante noted the CAO report included in the board materials, highlights included EH financial recovery efforts, IBHU update, and plans for the PCU expansion. Discussion ensued.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**i. BOARD QUALITY**

Commissioner Strub noted the focus of the meeting was statistics review specific to patient categories.

**ii. AUDIT & FINANCE**

Commissioner Cabe noted the focus of the meeting is on financial recovery.

**iii. AGB AUDIT & FINANCE**

Commissioner Cabe noted the focus of the meeting was a discussion regarding general overhead/ allocation.

**iv. BOARD STRATEGY, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION**

Commissioner Matuschak noted the focus of the meeting was master campus / facility planning, and how to survive in the era of shrinking resources.



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**v. FOUNDATION BOARD**

Commissioner Cabe noted the Foundation's contributions/donations to support the ED refresh.

**vi. EHM COMMUNITY ADVISORS**

Commissioner Strub noted discussion items included upcoming community events and Chief of Orthopedics, Dr. Michael Codsí presented an overview of the orthopedic program in the EH system.

**SCPHD#1 BUSINESS**

**i. COMMISSIONER POSITION 3 INTERVIEW CANDIDATE SELECTION**

Commissioner Gahm announced there are two eligible candidates for the Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 1 Commissioner Position 3 vacancy. The board discussed qualifications of the candidates in Executive Session at the beginning of this meeting and are now ready to nominate candidates for in person interviews for consideration.

Commissioner Gahm opened the floor for nominations of candidates to interview for Commissioner Position 3 of the Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 1 Board of Commissioners.

**Motion:** Commissioner Cabe moved to nominate E. Dianne Forth. Commissioner Strub seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Cabe moved to nominate Dee Bender. Commissioner Strub seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Melissa Gray will now contact each of the candidate to schedule interviews. Commissioner Gahm noted that on Wednesday, Aug 2 we will provide public notice of the selected candidate and allow the public 15 days to nominate write in candidates.

**ii. RESOLUTION 2023-04: PURPLE HEART HOSPITAL DISTRICT PROCLAMATION**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 1, Snohomish County, Washington, declaring EvergreenHealth Monroe a Purple Heart Hospital District.

**Motion:** Commissioner Matuschak moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-04 declaring EvergreenHealth Monroe a Purple Heart Hospital District. Commissioner Cabe seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**iii. COMMISSIONER VACANCY UPDATE – INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Gahm opened a discussion regarding the upcoming candidate interviews, draft questions for the interviews were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

**iv. SCPHD1 BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Gahm noted a new member of the bylaw review committee is needed. Commissioner Gahm volunteered to join Commissioner Cabe on the committee.

**v. SCPHD1 SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Commissioner Gahm noted the importance of having a physical presence at sponsored events and encouraged board members to attend when possible.



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**vi. DEIC DISCUSSIN PREP**

Commissioner Gahm opened a discussion in preparation of the upcoming EHM Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. As the board’s representative she wanted to ensure she was bringing forward any and all concerns. Discussion ensued.

**COMMISSIONER CLOSING COMMENTS**

Commissioner Strub shared comments regarding the current events happening with the City of Duvall around ‘displays in the community’ and noted his concerns about the risk of the hospital.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Commissioner Gahm adjourned the SCPHD#1 Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:21 p.m.

**ATTEST: SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

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