

King County Public Hospital District No. 2  
d/b/a EvergreenHealth  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
EvergreenHealth Medical Center, Kirkland, WA  
April 26, 2023  
Special Session

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

Medical Staff Leadership: None

Others Present: Chris Bredeson, Peggy Brown, Rick Chatterton, Jeff Friedman, Lori Kloes, Kai Neander, Ettore Palazzo, MD, Candace Scairpon, Jeff Tomlin, MD

Legal Counsel: None

Guests: See Exhibit A

**LEADERSHIP  
EDUCATIONAL  
SESSION**

Comm. Snyder called the April 26, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

**Community sentiment regarding plans to address hospital capacity needs.**

- **Economic Outlook**
- **Health Care Access Challenges**
- **Health Care Priorities**

The Board of Commissioners engaged in discussion with the EvergreenHealth Community Advisors regarding plans to address hospital capacity needs, the general economic outlook, health care access challenges and health care priorities. As part of this discussion it was noted that there is a lot of economic uncertainty right now, property taxes in the area are high, payor reimbursement poses a challenge, staffing continues to be a challenge throughout healthcare, many people are experiencing long wait times for care throughout the community, etc.

The group noted that EvergreenHealth did very well with care and communication during the pandemic and the team appreciated the transparency of the organization throughout the pandemic. The group also discussed the need for a strong communication and community education plan.

Finally, it was noted that the community owns the hospital, it is their facility and their funds that bring it to life.

The Community Advisors thanked the leadership team and the Board for engaging with them and being transparent.

The Commissioners thanked the Community Advisors for their time and feedback as we work towards making a decision about a possible UTGO ballot measure.

Comm. Snyder also thanked Peggy Brown, Rick Chatterton, Candace Scairpon, Kai Neander and the rest of the team for their work pulling this together.

**Adjourn**

The April 26, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District No. 2 was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tim McLaughlin, Secretary/Commissioner  
May 16, 2023 12:46 PM PDT

**Exhibit A – Guests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Various Community Advisors Members	