



# Board of Health

Carolina Mejia, District 1 ♦ Gary Edwards, District 2 ♦ Tye Menser, District 3

**The Thurston Board of Health has responsibility and authority for public health in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County.**

## Minutes for Tuesday, April 13, 2021

### Summary of Timed Items

3:30 p.m.) Call Meeting to Order  
3:35 p.m.) Proclamations and Presentations

#### 1) 3:30 p.m.) Call Meeting to Order

- Approval of the Agenda

##### **In Attendance:**

Tye Menser, Chair; Carolina Mejia, Vice-Chair; Gary Edwards, Commissioner; Romiro Chavez, County Manager; Schelli Slaughter, Public Health & Social Services Department Director; Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director; Dr. Dimyana Abdelmalek, Health Officer; and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health.

Chair Menser called the meeting to order.

##### **Approval of the Board of Health Agenda:**

Vice Chair Mejia moved to approve the agenda for 2021-04-13. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

##### **Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes:**

Vice Chair Mejia moved to approve the board meeting minutes for 2021-03-09. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### 2) 3:35 p.m.) Proclamations and Presentations

5 minutes      **Item:** Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

**Contact:** Schelli Slaughter, Director

**Action:** The Board proclaimed April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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#### 3) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board of Health

4 minutes per citizen

**Citizen:** Jon Pettit

**Issue:** Proclamation, Inspections

#### 4)

### Department Items

5 minutes

**Description:** Emergency Ordinance - Proposal to Extend Pool Permit Expiration Dates

**Contact:** Sammy Berg, Senior Environmental Health Specialist

**Action:** Commissioner Mejia moved to approve an emergency ordinance extending the expiration of existing water recreation establishment permits to July 31, 2021, and waiving water recreation facility permit late fees as a result of the emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edwards moved to amend the motion to extend the expiration date to December 31, 2021. Commissioner Mejia seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-1 (Commissioner Menser voted nay). Motion to amend carried.

The Board voted 2-1 (Commissioner Menser voted nay) on the amended motion. Motion carried.



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#### 5) Board of Health Members' Health Related Activities and Accomplishments

Board Members reported on public health and social services involvement since the last Board of Health meeting:

◆ **Commissioner Edwards reported on:**

- ⊗ COVID-19

◆ **Vice Chair Mejia reported on:**

- ⊗ COVID-19
- ⊗ Volunteering at Spanish Clinic

◆ **Chair Menser reported on:**

- ⊗ COVID-19
- ⊗ Fairgrounds Vaccination Site
- ⊗ Suicide Prevention Training

## 6) Health Officer's Report

Dr. Dimyana Abdelmalek reported on the the following items:

- ◆ COVID-19
  - ⊗ 119.2 cases per 100,000
  - ⊗ 4% test positivity
  
- ◆ Vaccine
  - ⊗ CDC and DOH issued alert on Johnson & Johnson vaccine and paused use
  - ⊗ 20,000 doses of COVID vaccine in Thurston County
  - ⊗ 153,623 doses to Thurston County residents
  - ⊗ 33.5% of Thurston County residents have received at least one dose
  - ⊗ 20% of Thurston County residents are fully vaccinated.
  - ⊗ April 15, 2021 - ages 16 and up qualify for vaccine
  - ⊗ Outreach to citizens with linguistic, transportation, and other access barriers
  - ⊗ Numbers are of Thurston County residents, regardless of where or how received
  - ⊗ Will provide number of adverse reactions to flu shot
  - ⊗ Hopeful on community percentage of vaccination

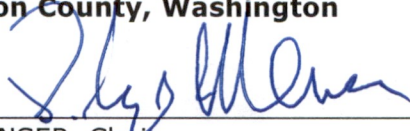
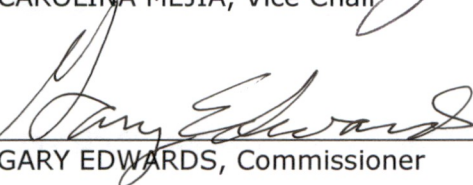
## 7) Director's Report

Schelli Slaughter reported on the following items:

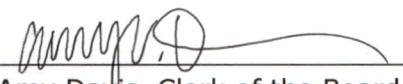
- ◆ National Public Health Week
  - ⊗ President Biden's Proclamation on National Public Health Week
  - ⊗ Healthy Home and Garden Series
  - ⊗ Efforts to prevent use of tobacco and vaping
  - ⊗ Chronic Pain Workshop
  - ⊗ Green Cleaning Kits with local non-profits
  - ⊗ Environmental Health providing technical assistance to businesses and schools
  - ⊗ Algae Response Protocol
  - ⊗ Rent and Utility Assistance
  - ⊗ Syringe Services Program in high demand, 2,544 services
  - ⊗ Demand will exceed supply for next few weeks
  - ⊗ Over 100 workers at mass vaccination site
  - ⊗ Guidance changes, Road Map to Recovery
  - ⊗ Masking after vaccination, still risk

**8) Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned

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**Thurston County, Washington**

  
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TYE MENSER, Chair  
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CAROLINA MEJIA, Vice Chair  
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GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Davis, Clerk of the Board  
Approved May 11, 2021

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