

Kennewick Public Hospital District

Thursday, June 30, 2022, | Hybrid Meeting 5:00 pm Via Zoom and at
The Numerica Pavilion Conference Room
Southridge Sports and Events Complex
2901 Southridge Blvd, Kennewick, Washington

MINUTES

Attendance: Gary Long, Steve Blodgett, Mark Brault, Marv Kinney, Wanda Briggs, Rick Reil, Sheila Dunlop, Lee Kerr, Taiya Anderson (for Nathan Burt), Heidi Ellerd, and Salem Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER Gary Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Due to the state of emergency and the Governor's proclamation relating to in-person public meetings, the meeting was held with all parties participating remotely via Zoom. Commissioner Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm after confirming that all parties were connected and could hear and participate in the meeting.

I. DISTRICT BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The materials listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board of Commissioners and are adopted by one motion. Therefore, there will be no separate discussion of the following items:

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. NO DISCUSSION MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Public Comment:** None. A discussion arose on the acceptance of chat messages received in the Zoom session as public comments. Since the nature of chats is impermanent and the District's policy requires written submission of Public Comment to be included in the official minutes, it was the prerogative of the District and its legal counsel not to accept messages submitted via chat as submitted in writing. Therefore chats are not savable or included as official Public Comment and are not reflected in the Minutes.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Reports

1. Lee Kerr – Superintendent, General Update – Benton County will likely purchase the old Hospital for a proposed recovery center. Franklin County's participation is unknown. A meeting of public hospital districts in WA state no longer running hospitals was held. Gary Long and Lee Kerr attended. The goal of the meeting was to share ideas. The consensus among these districts is to address behavioral health. There is a plan to have full commission meetings in the future. More information will be shared once determined. These would be open public meetings held virtually. Coordinating this effort will fall under Planning Committee. The District's insurances were reviewed and updated to reflect current conditions, and secure increased liability insurances were discussed. Planning Committee will report on the proposed retreat in the fall. Stan Strobel will provide a

quote for moderator services.

2. Legal Report - Heidi Ellerd, Legal Counsel
 - a. Updates – Records Requests – Nothing new to report.
3. Administrative Report, Salem Thompson, Board Coordinator
 - a. Records project update – Nothing new to report.

B. Committee Reports/Recommendations

1. Finance Committee – Steve Blodgett, Finance Chair / Nathan Burt
 - a. Acceptance of May financial statements – Overview by Taiya Anderson for Nathan Burt.
 - b. Approval of payments and disbursements

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED.
NO DISCUSSION MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Treasurer's Report – Steve Blodgett – Steve met with Baker Boyer Bank regarding the Richmond Trust. The funds can be used to provide educational opportunities, as confirmed in the meeting.
 - d. 2021 Audit – update – Items due from ADS have been submitted, and the audit should be available soon.
 2. Governance Committee Updates – Gary Long
 - a. John Solheim from Trios has retired.
 - b. A notice from Benton County on re-districting was received. Since commissioners are at-large, this will not necessarily affect the District, and there should be no associated cost. Lee is following up and will report.
 - c. AWPHD (public hospital districts without hospitals) meeting update (discussed above).
 - d. Gary Long established an ad hoc committee to review Commissioner compensation and submit an appropriate policy for the District to review. The committee will consist of two former presidents, Wanda Briggs and Marv Kinney, along with Lee Kerr, Superintendent.
 3. Planning Committee – Wanda Briggs
 - a. General update – Community Health Needs assessment document is still being put together. Marv and Sheila did a walk-through at ADS, though no proposal has been received. No proposal has been received from Public Health, but not expected now. Grace Clinic may bring a proposal if not fully funded for its proposed expansion of dental services.
 - b. Discussion on full commission Strategic Planning Retreat – All commissioners are asked to think about this and what the goals and objectives will be. Input is welcomed as Planning works to put together the agenda.
 4. Adult Day Services – General Update: Rick Reil/Steve Blodgett Potential confirmation of appointment interim Executive Director – With the retirement of Barb Edwards, a proposal from Salem Thompson has been received for the position of interim executive director and put forward by the ADS board for consideration. Per ADS bylaws, this board must approve the appointment of the new executive director.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SALEM THOMPSON AS THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ADS. NO DISCUSSION

MOTION CARRIED

III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Upcoming items – Retreat in September or October date TBD

IV. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday, July 28, 2022, @ 5:00 pm. (Hybrid)

Close of Meeting: 5:58 pm