

Board of Health Record of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: **February 10, 2026**

The Skagit County Board of Health met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, with Chair Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

I. [CALL TO ORDER:](#)

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [*10:00 a.m. Board of Health's Approval of the Record of the Proceedings:](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Records of the Proceedings for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, and Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Chair Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

1. *Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, December 9, 2025. **(Approved)**

2. *Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 27, 2026. **(Approved)**

b) [10:05 a.m. Public Health Director Remarks:](#)

1. [New Staff Introduction- Special Programs Nurse Manager for Correctional Health Services Kumaran Koneswaran](#)

Public Health Director Monica Negrila provided an overview of the agenda items and introduced the Special Programs Nurse Manager for Correctional Health Services Kumaran Koneswaran.

Mr. Kumaran Koneswaran provided information about his work experience.

2. [Foundational Public Health Services \(FPHS\) Funding](#)

Ms. Negrila also provided information about a decrease in funding for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). Ms. Negrila noted that the FPHS funds supported the foundational public health structure, which included, but was not limited to, food safety, disease prevention, clean water, birth certificates, death certificates, and emergency response.

Discussion ensued about support for funding FPHS.

c) [10:10 a.m. Discussion/Possible Action to approve Resolution for Delegation of Settlement Authority for Public Health Fees and Fines](#)

Ms. Negrila noted that the Board of Health was authorized under RCW 70.05.060 and Skagit County Code Chapter 12 to establish fees, fines, and penalties related to Public Health programs and services, and she presented the Resolution to delegate settlement authority for Public Health fees and fines to the Skagit County Health Officer, with the consent of the Public Health Director and in consultation with the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

A motion was made by Chair Browning to approve the Resolution to delegate settlement authority for the Public Health fees and fines to the Skagit County Health Officer, with the consent of the Public Health Director and in consultation with the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. **(Resolution No. R20260034)** Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

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d) [10:15 a.m. Public Health 2025 Snapshot](#)

Communications Coordinator Andrea Harrison provided a PowerPoint presentation and outlined the accomplishments of the Communicable Disease, Community Health and Prevention, Community Services, Environmental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Senior Services, and Vital Statistics divisions. The presentation highlighted key points, including a review of major achievements across these divisions and an overview of their collective impact on community health and the related services.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/02092026.zip>

e) [10:25 a.m. Hidden Economy of Public Health](#)

Prevention and Community Health Manager Alex Gee and Epidemiologist Neil Panlasigu provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining public health investments that impact the community. The presentation outlined how focusing investments on public spending during the early years of life could reduce health risks in adulthood and older age. Examples of these investments include early childhood education programs, maternal and child health services, vaccination initiatives, nutrition assistance programs, and community-based mental health support.

Discussion ensued about substance abuse treatment within the jail and resources provided to individuals when they were released from jail, integrating individuals with developmental disabilities in the community, vaccinating the community in rural areas through the mobile van, and the Help Me Grow Program.

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f) [10:45 a.m. High Seasonal Water Table Procedures](#)

This agenda item was deferred to a subsequent meeting of the Board of Health.

g) [10:50 a.m. Health Officer Update](#)

Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand provided information about the phrase “measles elimination status” and noted how the introduction of vaccination helped prevent measles cases, and he also addressed concerns about the recent increase in measles cases.

h) [10:55 a.m. Public Comment](#)

No public comments were provided.

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III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Peter Browning, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joe Burns, Commissionert

Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Health