

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

Date: **September 9, 2025**

The Skagit County Board of Health met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, with Chair Peter Browning, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki'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. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Browning led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) ***10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of Health:**

1. **Discussion/Possible Action - Revision to Skagit County Code 12.05 On-Site Sewage Code**

Public Health Director Keith Higman was present to introduce the agenda item.

On-Site and Drinking Water Lead Charese Gainor and Environmental Health Manager Britt Pfaff Dunton provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted that on-site septic regulations started with the Washington State Department of Health (WADOH). WADOH began the rule revision process in 2018, and the Washington State Board of Health adopted the regulations on January 10, 2024. Ms. Pfaff Dunton provided an overview of the work sessions that were held with the Commissioners, public hearing held on July 28, 2025, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review in August 2025, and public comments received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Ordinance adopting amendments to Skagit County Code 12.05, On-Site Sewage Code-Rules and Regulations. (**Ordinance No. 020250009**), Chair Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused.

Discussion commenced about when the Ordinance would go into effect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen that **Ordinance No. 020250009** regarding amendments to Skagit County Code 12.05, On-Site Sewage Code-Rules and Regulations take effect on October 1, 2025, Chair Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused.

Link to meeting documents:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/09082025.zip>

2. **Miscellaneous**

None provided.

III. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 10:20 a.m.

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Peter Browning, Chair

ATTEST:

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Health

Ron Wesen, Commissioner