

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

Date: December 22, 2020

The Skagit County Board of Health met in special session on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, At Large Board Member Dr. Connie Davis, and At Large Board Member Dr. Aaron Katz present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the Board of Health to order at 2:01 p.m.

I. AGENDA:

- a) *2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Board of Health Special Session (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>):

Chair Wesen called the telephonic proceedings to order and performed the roll call.

Chair Wesen introduced Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson who shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Skagit County COVID-19 Situation Status Update.

Public Health Nurse Amie Tidrington provided information regarding Skagit County's COVID-19 vaccination plans and status. Questions, answers and discussion was held regarding the priority vaccination plans.

Public Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand provided Health Officer updates.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Adopt New Health Code to Establish Civil Penalties for Violations of Health Officer Orders on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible (**Resolution No. R20200225**)

Ms. Johnson provided a summary of the proposed new Skagit County Code Chapter 12.54 Health Officer Orders and Violations and explained that a resolution to call for a public hearing to hear testimony for or against the proposed new Skagit County Code was the next step in the process to possibly adopt the new code.

The Board of Health discussed revisions to the language of the proposed code requiring Board of Health review and approval to extend Health Officer orders beyond the initial 90 day period.

Discussion followed regarding the desire to hear from members of the public, business owners, public health staff, and law enforcement regarding the proposed changes to the code.

Ms. Johnson informed the Board of Health that if the resolution was approved a public hearing would be scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible and a notice would be published in the Skagit Valley Herald a minimum of 21 days prior to the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to consider Adopting New Health Code to Establish Civil Penalties for Violations of Health Officer Orders on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. At Large Board Member Dr. Connie Davis seconded the motion. The vote passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Commissioner Dahlstedt dissenting.

To participate in the public hearing:

Written comments may be submitted by mail or email and must be identified with the subject "Health Officer Orders and Enforcement".

Email to:
Health@co.skagit.wa.us

Mail to:

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Public Health Administration
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Residents who would like to sign up to provide public testimony must call the Clerk of the Board at (360) 416-1300 before the meeting is scheduled to start. The Clerk will need each resident's name and the town or city where they reside. Once the public hearing is opened, those who signed up will be called on one-at-a-time to provide public testimony for up to 3 minutes.

Participation in the public hearing, pursuant to Proclamations currently in place, shall be through remote access via GoToMeeting. To participate in the public hearing call: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 632 327 501 or join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>.

Link to meeting materials:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12212020/>

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 3:13 p.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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Connie Davis, MD

Aaron Katz, CPH

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board