

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **March 31, 2022**, virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Vice Chair, Mayor Kevin Freeman, at 12:30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Josh Kerns  
Charlie Duranona  
Alycia Policani, ND

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French  
Christopher Patterson  
Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Due to Governor Inslee’s March 24, 2020 proclamation prohibiting in-person meetings and limiting meetings to action items that are routine, necessary or in response to COVID-19 and the public health emergency, only written public comment was accepted. Written comment was sent to all Board of Health members and was entered into the record.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

The Spokane County Board of Commissioners and the City of Spokane were thanked for their National Public Health Week proclamations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consists of items considered routine, which are approved as a group. Any member of the Board may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2022  
2022 Vouchers paid: February 1-28, 2022  
Contract: Insight

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Voucher Numbers:	#258414 - #258638	\$1,304,125.84
Advice Numbers:	#DD68786 - #DD69045	\$1,015,309.16
Payroll Warrants:	#1124224 - #1124224	
Advice Numbers:	#DD69046 - #DD69295	\$980,458.00
Payroll Warrants:	#1125193 - #11251298	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,299,893.00</b>

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Policani/Duranona

**Approved:** Unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board adjourned at 12:38 p.m. for 10 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i)). At 12:48 p.m., the BOH chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional five minutes. At 12:54 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional five minutes.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting reconvened at 12:59 p.m. No action was taken.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. until 1:20 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Adopt 2022 Board of Health Committees – *Mayor Kevin Freeman, Board of Health Vice Chair*

**Motion:** *To continue committee appointments until the next meeting of the Board of Health.*

**Motion/Second:** *Kerns/Policani*

**Approved:** *Unanimously*

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Resolution #22-02 Adoption of State Food Regulations and Local Procedural Regulation and Repeal of Resolution #13-03 – *Jessica Martin, Environmental Public Health Specialist*

**Motion:** *To approve the resolution as presented.*

**Motion/Second:** *Policani/Duranona*

**Approved:** *Unanimously*

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT** – *Kim Kramarz, Controller*

- Agency expenses are at 11.9%, which is currently under budget. Revenue is as expected with half of the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) funds received. The remainder of the funds will be received in June.
- The unassigned reserves are at 25% which is above the Board of Health goal of 20%. Total reserves are at \$15 million.
- The 2021 final budget will be reported at the April meeting. The annual report will be completed and submitted to the State Auditors in May.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT** – *Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer*

- The agency has received an outpouring of thanks from the community in response to National Public Health Week.
- Community Health Director recruitment is active. Candidates will be brought onsite for interviews.
- The agency will be considering its COVID-19 response as the pandemic is entering into an endemic.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT** – *Francisco Velázquez, MD, SM, FCAP, Health Officer*

- The BA.2 COVID-19 variant is approximately 50% of sequenced cases in Washington State. Most cases are within King County.
- The COVID-19 Delta variant has been most of the cases in Spokane County. Currently, the Omicron variant is the most sequenced variant in Spokane County. Breakthrough and reinfection cases are also primarily Omicron.
- There are currently 27 COVID-19 hospitalizations in Spokane County.

#### **BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN**

There was no Board Member check in.

#### **NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on April 28, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED:   
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair

Date: March 31, 2022

  
Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary