

The special meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair, at 2:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs (*arrived at 3:02 p.m.*)
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Mayor Ben Wick
Councilmember Tim Hattenburg
Board Member Andrea Frostad

ABSENT

Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 2:40 p.m. for 30 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). Attorney Michelle Fossum and Defense Counsel, Heather Yakely, were asked to join the session. At 3:10 p.m., the BOH chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. At 3:21 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. At 3:33 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. At 3:43 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. At 3:53 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion: *For the Board of Health Chair and Executive Committee of the Board of Health to prepare a statement by the Board of Health addressing the Pacific NW Inlander article and emails contained therein.*

Motion/Second: *Freeman/Stratton*

Approved: *8 yea/1 nay (Beggs)/1 abstain (Wilkerson)*

Discussion: Council President Beggs requested his signature be removed from the letter that will be developed to prevent a contradictory message to the testimony he provided. Councilmember Wilkerson will not assist in the development of the letter due to her absence at the October 29, 2020, meeting. Councilmember Stratton will participate in letter development in Councilmember Wilkerson's absence

Motion: For the Executive Committee of the Board of Health to draft a letter for Board of Health consideration at a later date acknowledging due consideration was given to the letters received by the Board from SRHD former employees and others about the Administrative Officer and supporting the job performance of the Administrative Officer.

Motion/Second: French/Stratton

Approved: 9 yea/1 nay (Beggs)

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on September 30, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

APPROVED:


Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

Date: September 30, 2021



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary