

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, with Commissioners Peter Browning, Davis, MD, Lisa Janicki, and Katz present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Connie MD to approve June 22, 2021 Board of Health Minutes. Aaron Katz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

A motion was made by Aaron Katz to approve September 28, 2021 Board of Health Minutes. Connie MD seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

1. Board of Health Record of the Proceedings for June 22, 2021. **(Approved)**

2. Board of Health Record of the Proceedings for September 28, 2021. **(Approved)**

b) Public Health Impact Story

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson informed the Board of Health that the agenda had been revised to include an Impact Story. Stories were an influential way to share information. She stated that an Impact Story would be included as a regular agenda item on future Board of Health meetings.

Developmental Disabilities Program Coordinator Brianna Steere shared a story about an individual who had successfully exited the high school Transitions Program and was enrolled in the Bridges Program. He had secured a job at Jimmy Johns and he was also able to realize his goal to be a Disney Character Prince through his employment at a second job: Enchanted Events.

c) COVID-19 Update and Recommendations

Dr. Howard Leibrand provided an update on: disease transmission in the community, recommended safety protocols, the availability of COVID-19 booster shots, children ages 5 to 11 were expected to be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine soon, the flu vaccine, and the availability of helpful antibodies to boost the immune system should COVID-19 be contracted.

Discussion was held regarding recommendations on how to more safely spend time indoors during inclement weather: perform air exchanges in a home/business and/or use HEPA air filters in furnace and HVAC systems.

d) 2021 Proposed Public Health Budget

Director Johnson provided an overview of Public Health's budget.

The presentation provided can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10182021/>

e) Discussion

Chair Browning asked for feedback on the budget overview provided by Director Johnson.

f) Community Health Improvement Planning Update

Public Health Analyst Kristen Ekstran thanked Population Health Trust for their work on recovery planning and the identification of assets and gaps within health equity, housing, behavioral health, access to care, childcare, financial and economic stability, and food security.

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g) Advisory Discussion

Discussion was held with members of the Population Health Trust and Board of Health to identify which were the most important assets in the community to build on and which gaps should be filled through planning.

Members discussed getting residents back to work and affordable childcare, encouraging the wealthy to invest in their communities, the provision of healthy food options for low-income individuals and families, providing competitive wages in Skagit County, adequate housing, addressing substance use and behavioral health, being aware of words used when sharing information with others and that certain phrases triggered negative reactions, and updating hiring requirements and screening.

h) Planning and Priority Setting Discussion

Chair Browning announced that he and Aaron Katz would work on Priority Setting and he asked for final thoughts.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 3:34 p.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners