

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, with Ron Wesen, Commissioner, Peter Browning, Commissioner, and Lisa Janicki, Commissioner present.

I. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. Call to Order

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m. and attendees introduced themselves.

b) 10:02 a.m. Approve Record of Proceedings for Tuesday, September 26, 2023

A motion was made by Ron Commissioner to approve the Record of Proceedings for Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Lisa Commissioner seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

c) 10:03 a.m. Public Health Director Remarks

Public Health Director Keith Higman commented on three (3) respiratory illnesses that they were concerned about and said that people who had concerns could obtain additional information from Public Health's website at: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/main.htm>. He also mentioned that Public Health had completed the move to their new location at 301 Valley Mall Way in Mount Vernon.

d) 10:05 a.m. Food Security Project Overview

Public Health Analyst Kristen Ekstran provided information about the Food Security Report that the Population Health Trust had developed and invited Population Health Trust members to provide additional information about the report's goals.

f) 10:10 a.m. Highlights from Each Goal Area:

1. Farming, Production, and Processing

Population Health Trust member Kas Church provided additional information about farming, production and processing goal.

2. Storage and Distribution

Population Health Trust member Michael Frazier and Senior Program Manager Renee Corcoran provided additional information about the storage and distribution goal.

3. Resources, Programs, and Education

Population Health Trust members Nora Burnfeilds, Kas Church, and Jose Ortiz provided additional information about resources, programs, and education goals.

4. Food Surplus and Waste

Population Health Trust members Jennifer Bryan-Goforth provided additional information about food surplus, and waste goals.

g) 10:35 a.m. Additional Comments from Workgroup Members

A discussion ensued about the need to collaborate with the community to address access to food, the price paid to the farmers for local food, creating models to be able to purchase local food, labor, supply

efficiencies, and Skagit Gleaners.

h) 10:40 a.m. Board Member Comments and Questions

None provided.

i) 10:50 a.m. Resolution Endorsing the Population Health Trust's Food Security Plan

A motion was made by Lisa Commissioner to approve the Resolution Endorsing the Population Health Trust's Food Security Plan (**Resolution No. R20230243**) Ron Commissioner seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

j) 10:52 a.m. Resolution Confirming Community Members to Serve on the Population Health Trust Community Health Advisory Board:

A motion was made by Ron Commissioner to approve the Resolution Confirming Community Members to Serve on the Population Health Trust Community Health Advisory Board (**Resolution No. R20230244**) Lisa Commissioner seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

k) 10:53 a.m. Health Officer Update

Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand urged the community to stay home if they were sick and to wear a mask if they were sick or entering a health setting. He also said more information about respiratory illnesses could be located on Skagit County's website at <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/weeklyrespiratoryreport.htm>.

l) 10:56 a.m. Public Comment

None provided.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 11:06 a.m.

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BOARD OF HEALTH SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Dr. Connie Davis, At Large Board Member

Dr. Aaron Katz, At Large Board Member

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board