

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

August 9 Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on August 9, 2023 ([watch the recording](#)): After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the June 14, 2023](#) meeting, sharing Board announcements, and receiving public comment, the Board received presentations on the following topics:

- The [Health Impact Review \(HIR\)](#) Team (Cait Lang-Perez, Lindsay Herendeen, and Miranda Calmjoy) gave a detailed [Fiscal Year 2023 HIR Update presentation \(Spanish\)](#) to the Board including an outline of the history, process and this year's HIR statistics. A health impact review is an objective, nonpartisan, evidence-based analysis that examines how legislative proposals may impact health and equity. [Learn more about HIRs.](#)
- Thurston County Public Health and Social Services (TCPHSS), presented by Board Member Dr. Abdelmalek, focused on their mission and Thurston County population data. The [presentation](#) shared the diverse programs and services that TCPHSS provides and the challenges that they face. TCPHSS is in the process of redesigning the structure of their department, using community input and Thurston County population data as a basis for their redesign.
- An overview of the Lead Prevention Programs by the [Department of Health](#) (Department) and the [Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department](#) (TPCHD). The Department provided information about lead exposure in Washington, including information about testing and response. TPCHD is developing a model program (e.g., toolkits, trainings, shared services) that can be used by other local health jurisdictions to work on lead poisoning prevention.
- Molly Dinardo, Board staff, gave an overview on the [Rulemaking Process](#).
- Stuart Glasoe, Board staff, in partnership with Department Shellfish Program staff gave an update on rulemaking efforts on the [Sanitary Control of Shellfish, Chapter 246-282 WAC](#).

The Board took the following actions:

- Approved an Emergency rule for – [On-Site Sewage Systems, WAC 246-272a-0110](#), Proprietary Treatment Products and Supply Chain Shortages
- Approved a petition for rulemaking for [WAC 246-260-031](#), General Design, Construction and Equipment for All Water Recreation Pool Facilities. The Board has requested this section be prioritized as part of the current rule revision and has requested a report back regarding the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations in January 2024.
- Approved a petition for rulemaking [Chapter 246-760 WAC](#), Auditory Screening Standards In Schools. The Board has requested staff initiate rulemaking to explore the use of otoacoustic emission screening as part of school auditory screening standards and procedures.

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The next Board meeting will be held on [October 9, 2023 in Wenatchee, WA](#). A draft agenda will be disseminated on Sept. 25 and the Aug. 9 draft minutes will be available on Oct. 2.

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