

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

October 9 Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on October 9, 2023 ([watch the recording](#)).

Stephen Kutz, Board Member gave a land acknowledgement, recognizing that the Board was holding its meeting on the ancestral lands of the Wenatchee people. Kate Dean, Board Member, recognized Indigenous People's Day and encouraged partnership.

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

- CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATE: James Wallace, MD, MPH, Interim Health Officer, and Luke D. Davies, MPH, Agency Administrator, Chelan-Douglas Health District (District), delivered a presentation about their agency's work. They discussed the population served by the District well as its programs and services, challenges, and future directions ([presentation](#)).
- BRIEFING – NEWBORN SCREENING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Kelly Oshiro, Board Vice Chair introduced this agenda item, discussed the Board's authority and TAC formation regarding newborn screening, and stated that there is a decision before the Board to add or not add two specific screenings to the newborn screening panel ([presentation](#)). Molly Dinardo, Board staff; John Tompson and Makena Chandra, Department staff provided a briefing and cost-benefit analysis on each condition. Chair Grellner facilitated discussion.

Motion: The Board directs staff to file a CR-101 to initiate rulemaking for chapter 246-650 WAC to consider adding Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) Deficiency to the Washington State newborn screening panel. Motion/Second: Member Abdelmalek/Member Dean. Approved unanimously.

Motion: The Board directs staff to file a CR-101 to initiate rulemaking for chapter 246-650 WAC to consider adding Arginase 1 Deficiency (ARG1-D) to the Washington State newborn screening panel. Motion/Second: Member Dean/Member Abdelmalek. Approved unanimously.

- RULES BRIEFING – ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS, CHAPTER 246-272A WAC Stuart Glasoe, Board Staff introduced the final informational briefing on this rulemaking, explaining Board authority for on-site sewage systems (OSS), joint administration of the rules by the Department of Health and local health jurisdictions, and plans to file the CR-102, Proposed Rules, for public review and comment. Jeremy Simmons, Department of Health presented background on

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OSS, history and scope of the rules, OSS rulemaking process, highlights of key issues and revisions in the draft rules and anticipated next steps to complete the rulemaking ([presentation](#)).

During Board announcements Kate Dean, Board Member, discussed the Environmental Justice Council's (EJC) work on school environmental health and safety rules, and her willingness to support Board staff as this work progresses. Member Dean asked if the Board might be able to issue a letter reflecting on the impact of the rules' current suspension and supporting the EJC's budget recommendations. Executive Director Davis said that she believed it would be valuable to include a letter from the Board as the Governor is currently developing his budget. Member Dean then made a motion to approve this letter.

Motion: The Board will write a letter in support of the EJC's budget recommendations.

Motion/Second: Member Dean/Member Kutz. Approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held on [November 8, 2023, in Tumwater, WA](#). A draft agenda will be disseminated on October 25.

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