

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

January 10, 2024, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on January 10, 2024 ([watch the recording](#)). After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the November 8, 2023](#) meeting, and receiving public comment, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Michelle Davis, Executive Director recognized new Board Member Paj Nandi and Ashley Bell, the Board's new Equity and Engagement Manager.
- The Board invited partners from the Washington State Department of Health (Department), [Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials](#) (WSALPHO), and the American Indian Health Commission (AIHC) to share their agency's priorities for the Legislative Session.
- At the August 2023 Board Meeting, [the Board accepted a petition request to amend its rules for the general design, construction, and equipment for all water recreation pool facilities](#). The request was related to barrier latch height and alignment with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Board received an informational update on this request. No action was taken.
- The Board received an update from staff on the current progress of the [2024 State Health Report](#). No action was taken.
- The Board hosted an [Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\)](#) panel to learn more about IAQ and its impact on those who reside in and visit Washington. The panel consisted of [five experts](#); Eric Vander Mey, Delta E Consulting ([Presentation](#)); Brandon Kemperman, Public Health – Seattle and King County ([Presentation](#)); Nancy Bernard, Department ([Presentation](#)); Ben Omura, State Building Code Council ([Presentation](#)); and Erin McTigue, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ([Presentation](#)).
- A rules hearing was held for On-Site Sewage Systems (OSS), chapter 246-272A WAC. The hearing included public testimony followed by Board discussion. The Board approved the proposed rule and requested staff to finalize the adopted rule.
- To maintain the continuity of the OSS rule during permanent rulemaking, the Department requested a sixth emergency rule for WAC 246-272A. The Board approved the Department's request and asked staff to file for a sixth emergency rule.
- In November 2023, the Board received a [petition to include screening for color vision deficiency \(CVD\)](#), as part of the vision screening required for all students enrolled in Washington schools. After careful consideration, the Board decided to decline the petition and not move forward with rulemaking.
- The Board approved its [2024 Legislative Statement](#). The legislative statement is intended to guide staff during the 2024 Legislative Session.

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- In November 2023, the Board received a [complaint against the Snohomish County Health Department Director and Local Health Officer](#). After careful consideration, the Board determined the complaint did not merit further investigation.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 13, 2024. The physical location of the meeting is to be determined. A draft agenda will be disseminated on February 28.

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