

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## March 13, 2024, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on March 13, 2024 ([watch the recording](#)). After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the January 10, 2024](#) meeting, and receiving public comment, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Michelle Davis, Executive Director recognized Shay Bauman, the Board's new Policy Advisor. Executive Director Davis also recognized and thanked Mindy Flores, Board Member, for connecting the Board with the Swinomish Tribe.
- Chairman Edwards of the Swinomish Tribe honored the Board by attending and welcoming the Board to the homelands of the Swinomish people.
- The Board invited partners from the Department of Health (Department) to share an update on the [Departments Newborn Screening Program](#) (NBS). Department staff shared the NBS annual 2023 report, including program updates, reporting requirements, and displayed the NBS interactive dashboard.
- The Board adopted the motion to delegate rulemaking authority to the Department to update the small [on-site sewage system rule regarding eligibility requirements for proprietary treatment products](#).
- The Board learned about the Swinomish Tribe and the important work the Tribe is doing within their community. The panel consisted of four members; [Beverly Keyes](#), didg<sup>w</sup>álič Wellness Center; [Dr. Cheyanne Warren](#), dəx<sup>w</sup>χayəbus Dental Therapy Education Program; [Dr. Rachael Hogan](#), dəx<sup>w</sup>χaŷ əbus Swinomish Tribal Dental Clinic and Dental Therapy Education Program at Skagit Valley College; and Jennifer La Pointe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC).
- The Governor's Executive Order 22-04 requires all state agencies, including boards and commissions, to implement a Pro-Equity Anti-Racism (PEAR) Plan to bridge opportunity gaps. [Board staff presented information on the PEAR Plan](#) process, including requirements for state agencies, the plan components, and the Board's responsibilities.
- The Board is organizing two community panels to help inform the 2024 State Health Report. In this first panel, the Board heard directly from community representatives from the state's western side. The panel consisted of [four members](#); Amanda Shi, Tubman Center for Health and Freedom ([Presentation](#)); Molly Parker, Jefferson Healthcare ([Presentation](#)); Nyka Osteen, North Sound Accountable of Community Health ([Presentation](#)); and Dominique Horn, Southwest Accountable of Community Health Public.
- In February 2024, the Board received a rulemaking petition to amend its [Group A Public Water Supplies standards, specifically WAC 246-290-220](#). After careful consideration, the Board decided to decline the petition and not move forward with rulemaking.

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- Executive Director Davis and Board Members reviewed the 2024 meeting schedule and discussed possible locations for upcoming meetings. The Board will be traveling more in the 2024 year and will meet in different areas throughout the state.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2024, in Spokane, WA. A draft agenda will be disseminated on March 27.

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