

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

June 12, 2024, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on June 12, 2024 ([watch the recording](#)). After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the April 10, 2024 meeting](#), and receiving public comment, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Michelle Davis, Executive Director provided a [review of active Board projects](#) and [Council on Health Disparities staffing updates](#).
- Mike Ellsworth, Secretary's Designee for the Department of Health (Department) shared an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Kelly Cooper, Legislative Director outlined tentative Agency Request Legislation for 2025. Department staff also shared highlights from the Transformational Plan – Global & One Health. ([View the Department's presentation](#)).
- Dr. Alan Melnick, Clark County Public Health, welcomed the Board to Vancouver and described work with other local health jurisdictions and communities.
- Board staff Shay Bauman and Department staff Mike Means briefed the Board on the new Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) standards and compared the Board's rules to the federal standards. ([View the Board's presentation](#) and the [Department's presentation](#)). The Board adopted a motion capturing all the recommendations, including emergency and permanent rulemaking.
- Department staff Mike Means provided a brief background on the Water system plan and Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1181, the rulemaking process, and public comments received. ([View the Department's presentation](#)).
- The Board held a rules hearing on the Handling of Human Remains, Chapter 246-500 WAC. The Board adopted the proposed amendments which reduced the holding period for unclaimed human remains from 90 days to 45 days. The amendments also add counties to the list of entities that may lawfully dispose of human remains after 45 days. ([View the Changes to Chapter 246-500 WAC](#)).
- The Board reviewed the 2024 Draft State Health Report (SHR) and discussed the value of partnering with community participants. The Board adopted a motion that directs staff to finalize the SHR and to send the report to the Governor by July 1, 2024. Staff will also send a copy to community representatives who contributed, to the Legislature, and to appropriate state agencies. ([View the SHR presentation](#)).
- The Board adopted a [motion to extend the effective date of the School Environmental Health and Safety Standards, Chapter 246-366A WAC, to September 1, 2025](#).
- Chair Patty Hayes and Board staff Andrew Kamali provided information on the School Environmental Health and Safety Rules Project. Board staff will file a CR-

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101 to formally initiate the rule drafting process and notify interested parties of the work. ([View Board staff's presentation](#)).

- Department staff Meghan Cichy presented a request for delegated rulemaking authority regarding minor administrative updates to Immunization Rules WAC 246-105-040 and 060. ([View the Department's presentation](#)). The Board adopted a motion to delegate this rulemaking authority to the Department and will receive updates once the rule development is complete.
- The Board heard an update from Department staff Danielle Toepelt on The Sanitary Control of Shellfish, chapter 246-282 WAC. ([View the Department's presentation](#)).
- The Board approved proposed [schedule changes for upcoming Board meetings](#).
- The Board considered and declined a [petition for rulemaking regarding Operation of Water Recreation Facilities](#); instead, the petitioner is invited to participate in ongoing rulemaking through a Department technical advisory committee. ([View the Department's presentation on the ongoing rulemaking](#)).

The next Board meeting will be held on August 7, 2024, in Seattle, WA. Board staff will distribute a draft agenda on July 24.

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