

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

August 7, 2024, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on August 7, 2024 ([watch the recording](#)). After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting](#), and receiving public comment, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- The Board considered a [petition to add Wilsons Disease to the Newborn Screening panel](#) and directed staff to convene a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Brad Finegood, Strategic Advisor at Public Health – Seattle & King County, shared a presentation about Overdose Prevention and Response ([View Brad's presentation here](#)).
- Board staff Andrew Kamali and Department of Health staff David Delong briefed the Board on [Yakima](#) and [Cheney](#) Water Recreation Variance Requests. The Board will hold a special meeting (TBD) to allow more time to review the requests and to provide a timely response to the requester.
- The Board considered and declined a [petition regarding On-site Sewage Systems Holding Tanks](#).
- The Board's Health Impact Review (HIR) team shared a Fiscal Year 2024 update ([View HIR presentation here](#)).
- Michelle Davis, Executive Director introduced new project staff [Kelly Kramer, Newborn Screening Policy Advisor](#), and the [School Rule Project team](#). Executive Director Davis also provided an update on rulemaking activities since the last meeting.
- Board staff Andrew Kamali provided an update on the [School Environmental Health and Safety Rule Project](#) and the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) August 1, 2024, meeting.
- Board staff Kelly Kramer and Department of Health staff John Thompson briefed the Board on the addition of Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD), Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency, and Arginase 1 Deficiency (ARG1-D) to the Newborn Screening panel.
- Board Member Paj Nandi and Board staff Ashley Bell shared an update on Pro-Equity Anti-Racism (PEAR) planning ([View PEAR Plan presentation here](#)).
- Board Member Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett introduced the Department's Be Well Washington initiative and will provide additional information at a future meeting.
- Board Member Socia Love noted that Puyallup Tribe of Indians recently hosted the landing for the annual [Canoe Journey](#). This year's theme was Our Sacred Youth. Member Love described the event and encouraged the public to attend in the future.

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The next Board meeting will be held on October 8, 2024, in Yakima, WA. Board staff will distribute a draft agenda on September 24.

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