

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

April 9, 2025, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on April 9, 2025 ([watch the recording](#)). After approving the [agenda](#), adopting minutes from the [March 12, 2025](#) meeting, and receiving public comments, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Michelle Davis, Executive Director, announced the filing of the [CR-101 for Chapter 246-101 WAC Notifiable Conditions](#). The Board will consider amending the rules to ease COVID-19 reporting requirements while retaining key data needed to protect the public's health and for ongoing disease surveillance.
- Chair Patty Hayes observed the passing of Mary Selecky, our longest-serving Secretary of Health, with reflections from Board Members and a moment of silence.
- Board and Department of Health (Department) staff provided an update on the [Newborn Screening Technical Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#) draft reports and recommendations for congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV). The Board approved the motion not to consider adding cCMV to the newborn screening panel at this time and directed staff to draft a cCMV legislative report by December 31, 2025.
- Board and Department staff provided a rules briefing on the [Auditory Screening Rulemaking, Chapter 246-760 WAC](#). Staff reviewed the project background, engagement, rule development, proposed rule changes, a summary of feedback, and a timeline with the next steps.
- The Board approved the motion to move agenda item 8, the Review and Approval of the Draft Branched Chain Ketoacid Dehydrogenase Kinase (BCKDK), to the next Board meeting on June 4, 2025.
- The Board welcomed the [School Rule Project TAC](#) to the table. Committee members reflected on learnings from the rulemaking process, reviewed recommendations, explained the fiscal analysis, and outlined the recommended phased approach to implementing the rule. The Board approved [the motion to accept the committee's recommendations for the proposed rule](#), Chapter 246-370, and directed staff to begin the process of repealing Chapter 246-366A.
- Chair Patty Hayes discussed participating in an interview that spotlighted the impact of the pandemic on residents of the state of Washington. ([KUOW link](#))
- Board Member Stephen Kutz compared the learning experience of the pandemic with HIV in the 1980s and connected it with the important work being done as part of the School Rule Project. We are always learning how to improve the health of Washington residents.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 4, 2025, in SeaTac, WA. Board staff will distribute a draft agenda on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

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