

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

June 4, 2025, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on June 4, 2025 ([watch the recording](#)). After approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the April 9, 2025](#), meeting, and receiving public comments, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Michelle Davis, Executive Director, shared updates on staffing transitions and highlighted progress on projects such as the School Rule Project and Newborn Screening. Executive Director Davis also provided updates on the Federal Public Health Services Steering Committee's budget discussions, the Health Impact Review team's work, and recent activities of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.
- Lauren Jenks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Public Health, briefed the Board on the [Department of Health's \(Department\) fluoride science review panel](#). At the August 20 Board meeting, Department staff will present a summary of the science, consensus statements, and recommendations to the Board.
- Department staff provided an update on the [exception rulemaking for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\)](#). The Department anticipates filing the CR-103 by June 11, and the rule is expected to take effect 31 days after the filing date.
- Board staff Kelly Kramer presented the draft [Branch-Chain Ketoacid Dehydrogenase Kinase Deficiency \(BCKDK\) legislative report](#). The Board approved the draft report and directed staff to submit it to the Governor and appropriate legislative committees by June 30, 2025.
- [Mike McNickle](#), Grays Harbor County Public Health Director, [shared highlights](#) from the county's COVID-19 response, key initiatives from 2022 through 2024, and progress made on their strategic plan goals.
- The Board approved cancelling the July 9, 2025, Board meeting.
- The Board held a [rules hearing on Auditory Screening Standards Chapter 246-650 WAC](#). Following the hearing, the Board adopted the proposed rules establishing chapter 246-760 WAC and directed staff to file a CR-103 and set an effective date.
- The Board held a [rules hearing on the proposed repeal of Environmental Health and Safety Standards for Primary and Secondary Schools, Chapter 246-366A WAC](#). Following the hearing, the Board adopted the repeal and approved amendments to Chapter 246-366 WAC, directing staff to file a CR-103 and set an effective date.
- Board staff Nina Helpling presented the [draft School Rule Project report](#) and highlighted key components. The Board approved the draft report and directed staff to finalize the report and submit it to the Governor and the appropriate Legislature committees.
- Board Member Stephen Kutz and Mindy Flores thanked Executive Director Davis and Board staff for their work and support.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 20, 2025, in Tumwater, WA. Board staff will distribute a draft agenda on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

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