

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

October 8, 2024, Board Meeting Recap

The State Board of Health (Board) met on October 8, 2024 ([watch the recording](#)). After attending to the business of approving the [agenda](#), adopting [minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting](#), and receiving public comment, the Board received updates on the following topics:

- Board staff Shay Bauman and Department of Health (Department) staff David Delong briefed the Board on [Cheney](#) and [Yakima](#) Water Recreation Variance Requests. The Board approved the variance request for a climbing wall, Zip'N rope swing and Ninja Cross, with certain conditions.
- Andre Fresco, Executive Director of Yakima Health District, welcomed the Board to Yakima. Andre provided some history and an overview of public health challenges in the region.
- Board staff Shay Bauman briefed the Board on the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) emergency rulemaking. The Board adopted a [motion directing Board staff to file a CR-103E to initiate rulemaking for WAC 246-290-315](#), to continue to clearly maintain the drinking water state action levels (SALs) and associated requirements until the federal standards are effective.
- Michelle Davis, Executive Director, asked for Board review of the [2024 Statement of the Board](#) and [Board Policy Legislation](#) and input on crafting a new statement for the 2025 legislative session.
- Board staff Andrew Kamali provided an update on the [School Environmental Health and Safety Rule Project](#) and announced the October 10 Yakima Valley Listening Session.
- Board staff Kelly Kramer provided an informational update on the [2024 Newborn Screening Criteria Review Project](#).
- Board staff Shay Bauman briefed the Board on the current status of the rulemaking related to sanitary control of shellfish, chapter 246-282 WAC. ([View Board staff's presentation.](#))
- Michelle Davis, Executive Director, updated the Board on recent staff activities, and announced that staff had completed a [Health Impact Review](#) on SB 5435 concerning residential rent increases, which was requested by Senator Trudeau. Executive Director Davis informed Board Members that a new petition regarding fluoridation will be on the November Board meeting agenda.
- Board Member Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett updated the Board on the Be Well Washington initiative. ([View the Department's presentation.](#))
- Board Members Kate Dean and Steve Kutz complimented Chair Patty Hayes, Executive Director Davis, and Board staff, including the Health Impact Review team, for their recent presentations. Chair Hayes thanked everyone for a productive day.

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The next Board meeting will be held on November 13, 2024, in Tumwater, WA. Board staff will distribute a draft agenda on October 30.

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