

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF
PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
d/b/a VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION**

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ARTICLE I
FORMATION AND PURPOSE

This public hospital district (the "District"), a municipal corporation, was created in 1962 to provide hospital and health care services for the residents of the District and other persons. The activities of the District shall be conducted in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, including Chapter 70.44 RCW, as now in effect or hereafter amended. These Bylaws are adopted in furtherance of the lawful purposes of the District including the providing of health care services appropriate to the needs of the population served.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Section 1. Qualification and Election. No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of public hospital district commissioner unless he or she is a registered voter within the boundaries of the District. All District commissioners shall be elected and serve in the manner and for the term prescribed by law.

Section 2. Organization and Officers of the Board of Commissioners. The five-member Board of Commissioners (the "Board" or the "Commission") shall at its first regular meeting in each calendar year organize by election from its own members, a President and Secretary. Such election shall be by a majority vote of the commissioners in each case. The terms of both officers shall be for one year.

2.1. The President shall act as the presiding officer at meetings of the Board and shall execute on behalf of the District all contracts, agreements and other documents and papers duly authorized by the Board that may require his or her signature.

2.2. The Secretary shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Board, shall sign the same and shall keep them in a proper book for that purpose. The Secretary shall have charge of the official seal of the District and shall affix or cause to be affixed such seal to any documents requiring it, attesting the same. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall preside at Board meetings.

2.3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of either the President or the Secretary, an election of officers shall take place at the next regular meeting of the Board to fill the unexpired term created by the vacancy. All members of the Board, whether elected or appointed, shall be required to take an oath of office in the form prescribed by the laws of the State of Washington relating to public officials.

2.4. A vacant commissioner position may be filled by the Board appointing a new member in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board or Commission.

3.1. Regular meetings. The dates, times and locations for the regular meetings of the Board shall be established from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board.

3.2. Special meetings

a. A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the Board or by a majority of the members of the Board by delivering written notice personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of the Board. Written notice shall be deemed waived in the following circumstances: (1) a commissioner submits a written waiver of notice to the secretary of the Board at or prior to the time the meeting convenes, which may be given by telegram, fax, or electronic mail; or (2) a commissioner is actually present at the time the meeting convenes.

b. Notice of a special meeting called under subsection (a) of this section shall be: (1) delivered to each local newspaper of general circulation and local radio or television station that has on file with the Board a written request to be notified of such special meeting or of all special meetings; (2) posted on the District's web site. The District shall not be required to post a special meeting notice on its web site if it (i) does not have a web site; (ii) employs fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees; or (iii) does not employ personnel whose duty, as defined by a job description or existing contract, is to maintain or update the web site; and (3) prominently displayed at the main entrance of the District's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location. Such notice must be delivered or posted, as applicable, at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.

c. The call and notices required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meetings by the Board.

The notices provided in this section may be dispensed with in the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or damage.

3.3. The order of business at meetings of the Commission shall be as follows:

a. Regular Meetings

(i) Call to order

(ii) Reading and approval of minutes of the last regular meeting and any intervening special meeting and approval of any other matters on the consent agenda

- (iii) Reports
- (iv) Consideration of items on the agenda or other matters properly before the Board and action thereon
- (v) Adjournment
- b. Special Meetings
 - (i) Call to order
 - (ii) Reading of the notice calling the meeting
 - (iii) Consideration of matters stated in the notice and action thereon
 - (iv) Adjournment

3.4. Attendance From Remote Location

- a. The Board, recognizing the benefits of fullest practicable attendance and participation by its commissioners, allows for attendance from remote location(s) through the use of electronic means including but not limited to such two-way communication methods as speakerphone, Skype, or other media that provide full audio or audio and visual capacity.
- b. For purposes of voting by a commissioner (or commissioners) of the Board, such attendance from remote location(s) shall be considered the equal of being physically present at the meeting site. In the case of executive sessions, the Board may permit participation from remote location(s) by the above alternative means only when the Board on a case-by-case basis considers such participation to be necessary and the Board is confident in the security of such remote communications.
- c. Any communications systems utilized by the Board for such remote attendance shall reliably permit all persons attending to be clearly heard by all others and to clearly hear all audio content of the meeting; and where applicable by the Board's determination, be clearly seen by all others and clearly see all visual content that is determined by the Board to be crucial to the understanding of matters discussed. Systems used in the course of executive sessions shall be reasonably secure from unauthorized access.
- d. Audio and video recordings of proceedings involving attendance by commissioner(s) from remote locations shall be maintained for the public record as required by law.
- e. Commissioners are encouraged to attend meetings in-person and attendance from remote location(s) is intended to be an alternative method for participation by commissioners.

3.5. Procedure For Remote Attendance

a. In all meetings involving remote attendance, the Superintendent or his or her designee shall be present at the meeting place and shall inform all present at the meeting place of the intent to initiate a remote communication. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure that the equipment necessary for such remote attendance is present in the meeting place.

b. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall confirm and announce to all that all present at the meeting place and in the remote location(s) that all parties can clearly hear all other parties and (as appropriate) clearly see visual content as will be presented. Such confirmation shall be recorded in the Minutes.

c. With such confirmation, commissioners—whether they are at the meeting site or at remote location(s)—constituting a majority may approve the use of the remote communication for the entirety of the meeting or for a specified portion thereof.

d. Before convening in executive session with participants from a remote location, the Presiding Officer shall instruct the Superintendent or his or her designee to verify that the public has been excluded from the meeting place.

e. In the event that the remote communication link is broken or significantly degraded such that it no longer meets the full requirements of Sections 3.4 and 3.5, the presiding officer shall confirm the loss of service and announce the close of the remote attendance.

Section 4. Action by the Board. As used herein, “action” means the transaction of the official business of the District by the Board including but not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions. “Final action” means a collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of the Board when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal or resolution.

All final action taken by the Board shall be by motion or resolution recorded in a book or books kept for such purposes. Minutes of all regular and special meetings, except executive sessions thereof, shall be promptly recorded and shall be open to public inspection.

All meetings at which action is taken by the Board shall be open and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Board, except as otherwise provided in this section or by law. The Board shall never adopt any motion or resolution, except in a meeting open to the public and then only at a regular meeting, duly convened at the prescribed time and place, or at a special meeting of which notice has been given according to the provisions of the foregoing section. Any action taken at meetings failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be null and void.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Board from holding executive sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider:

- (i) To consider matters affecting national security;

(ii) To consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW 19.255.010 and 42.56.590, and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets;

(iii) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;

(iv) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

(v) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;

(vi) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;

(vii) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by the Board of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the District shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when the Board elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

(viii) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public;

(ix) To discuss with legal counsel representing the District matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the District litigation or potential litigation to which the District, the Board, or a member of the Board acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the District. This subsection

(viii) does not permit the Board to hold an executive session solely because an attorney representing the District is present. For purposes of this subsection (viii), “potential litigation” means matters protected by RPC 1.6 or RCW 5.60.060(2)(a) concerning:

(A) Litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the District, the Board, or a member of the Board acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party;

(B) Litigation that the District reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the District agency, the Board, or a member of the Board acting in an official capacity; or

(C) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the District has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the District;

(x) To consider the granting, denial, reduction, termination or suspension of clinical privileges, or the medical staff membership of a physician or “other health care provider,” as that term is defined in RCW 7.70.020, as now in effect or hereafter amended, if other health care providers in the discretion of the Board are determined eligible to be considered for such privileges or membership.

Before convening in executive session, the presiding officer of the Board shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place, and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the presiding officer.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the persons holding the office of District commissioner shall constitute a quorum of the Board for the transaction of business, but no resolution shall be adopted or other final action taken without a majority vote of the whole Commission. Attendance by commissioners from a remote location pursuant to Section 3.4 shall be considered the equal of being physically present at the meeting site.

Section 6. Committees. The Board may from time to time act as a committee of the whole or appoint such other committees as it may deem necessary or advisable in the conduct of its affairs or for other purposes it may specify. The activities of any committees so appointed shall be conducted lawfully and be recorded in written minutes. Chairpersons of such committees shall be appointed by the Board to serve for terms not to exceed one year, subject both to removal at the will of the Board and to reappointment in the sole discretion of the Board.

Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Board or Commission. The Board shall be the governing body of the District and the superintendent appointed by the Board as specified in Article III, Section 1, shall be responsible to the Board for the efficient administration of all affairs of the District. While the authority of the Board may be delegated to the superintendent

as specified in Article III, Section 1, and Article IV, respectively, or by resolution, any delegation of authority by the Board may be rescinded in its sole discretion.

All of the powers authorized in Chapter 70.44 RCW or other applicable statute may be exercised by the Board in the performance of its duties prescribed therein. Among other things, the Board shall strive to:

(i) Determine the policies and the purposes of the District in proper relation to community needs;

(ii) Provide services, facilities, equipment and personnel to meet the needs of residents within the purposes of the District, and consistent with present and future community needs;

(iii) Assure that an appropriate standard of professional care is maintained with due regard for quality of care and effective quality assurance mechanisms, and assuring that personnel possess appropriate current qualifications, and determining in its discretion which kinds of programs shall be considered;

(iv) Promote planning and coordinate services with administrative, financial and community needs, the policies of the District, and the purposes of the District;

(v) Provide for the sound administration and application of public funds, adopting annual budgets for the District at the times and in the manner required by law;

(vi) Maintain accurate records of District finances and all related activities;

(vii) Exercise proper care and judgment in the selection of a qualified superintendent who shall be responsible for implementing policies adopted by the Board; and

(viii) Evaluate its own performance.

Section 8. Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest. District commissioners, being aware of the fiduciary nature of their positions, shall avoid actions and relationships which could result in a conflict between their private financial interests and their public responsibilities. Commissioners shall not violate the conflict-of-interest provisions of these Bylaws, Chapters 42.20 and 42.23 RCW, or any other applicable statute.

Recognizing that even the appearance of impropriety should be avoided, no commissioner shall:

(i) Be beneficially interested in or otherwise expect to profit from, directly or indirectly, any contract, sale, lease or purchase made by the

District, except as specifically permitted under RCW 42.23.030, as now in effect or hereafter amended, or under other applicable law;

(ii) Accept, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity, favor or award from any party seeking to do business with the District, or in connection with any contract made by the District, other than (a) compensation and reimbursement for expenses as provided by law, or (b) compensation in connection with contracts permitted under RCW 42.23.030, as now in effect or hereafter amended, or under other applicable law;

(iii) Employ, use or appropriate any District employee, money or property for his or her private benefit;

(iv) Hold any office, engage in any employment or occupy any position, public or private, which could create conflicts between the duties, interests and opportunities inherent in such office, employment or position and the commissioner's public responsibilities as a member of the Board;

(v) Reveal or divulge to any other party, unless authorized by the Board, any confidential information received in the performance of his or her duties as a commissioner, nor use such information for personal gain.

Any commissioner, upon discovering or suspecting that he or she has or may have a conflict of interest contrary to the policies and standards set forth in this section, shall promptly report the same to the Board.

ARTICLE III OTHER OFFICERS

Section 1. Superintendent.

1.1. Appointment. The Board shall select and appoint as superintendent a competent and experienced chief executive officer who shall be its direct representative in the management of the District. The superintendent shall be appointed for an indefinite term, removable at the will of the Board, and shall receive such compensation as the Board shall establish by resolution. The appointment or removal of the superintendent shall be by resolution, introduced at a regular meeting and adopted at the same or a subsequent regular meeting by a majority vote of the Board.

1.2. Powers and Duties. The superintendent shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the District. As representative of the Board, and subject to its policies, the superintendent shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all affairs of the District and shall be in direct charge with full authority to act.

In the performance of his or her duties prescribed by law, all of which shall be faithfully discharged, and not by way of limitation of his or her authority, the superintendent shall:

(i) Perfect and submit to the Board for approval a plan of organization for the personnel concerned with the operation of the District, which shall be periodically reviewed;

(ii) Prepare annually a budget or budgets showing anticipated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year which shall be submitted to the Board to allow timely filing and hearing thereon before adoption as required by law;

(iii) Select, employ, control and discharge all employees authorized by the applicable budget, assuring that they are competent to perform their duties and establishing appropriate quality assurance mechanisms;

(iv) Assure that all buildings, equipment and other facilities are maintained in good repair;

(v) Furnish periodic recommendations to the Board with respect to the acquisition, development and extension of desirable facilities, equipment and services;

(vi) Supervise through the treasurer and auditor all business affairs including the disbursement of funds, recording of financial transactions, collection of accounts and purchase and issue of supplies;

(vii) Cooperate with staff and secure like cooperation on the part of all those concerned with rendering professional services;

(viii) Submit regularly to the Board reports regarding the services and financial activities of the District along with any special reports that may be requested by the Board;

(ix) Prepare agenda for and attend all meetings of the Board at which he or she may participate in the discussion of matters being considered;

(x) Execute on behalf of the District all such contracts, agreements and other documents and papers as he or she may deem appropriate within the scope of his or her authority or be authorized by resolution of the Board to sign; and

(xi) Undertake on his or her own initiative the performance of such other duties, consistent with law and the policies of the Board, as may be in the best interest of the District.

Section 2. Auditor. The Board shall appoint as auditor of the District a person experienced in accounting and business practices.

The auditor shall report in the performance of his or her duties directly to the superintendent. The auditor shall draw, sign and issue all warrants for the disbursement of funds of the District upon the orders of, or vouchers approved by, the Commission; and shall perform such other duties relating to business affairs of the District including the recording of financial transactions, collection of accounts, and the routine purchase and issue of supplies, as are assigned by the superintendent.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Commission by resolution shall appoint and designate a person having experience in financial and fiscal matters as treasurer, subject to the requirement of an adequate bond with an authorized surety company.

The treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the District in the manner provided by law under the supervision of the superintendent and as directed by resolutions of the Board to the extent of its lawful discretion.

ARTICLE IV INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. Indemnification. The District shall indemnify and hold harmless to the full extent permitted by applicable law each person who was or is made a party to or is threatened to be made a party to, or is involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in an actual or threatened action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a commissioner, officer, employee or agent of the District, or having been such a commissioner, officer, employee or agent, he or she is or was serving at the request of the District as a director, officer, employee, agent, trustee or in any other capacity of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action or omission in an official capacity or in any other capacity while serving as a commissioner, officer, employee, agent, trustee or any other capacity, against all expense, liability, and loss (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties in amounts to be paid in settlement) actually or reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith. Such indemnification may continue as to a person who has ceased to be a commissioner, officer, employee or agent of the District and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, and personal representatives.

Section 2. Insurance. The District may purchase and maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any commissioner, officer, employee, agent or trustee of the District or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss to the full extent permitted by applicable law.

ARTICLE V CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Gender and Number. As used in these Bylaws, personal pronouns shall be interpreted to refer to persons of either gender and relative words whenever applicable to more than one person shall be read as if written in the plural.

Section 2. Titles, Headings and Captions. The titles, headings and captions appearing in these Bylaws are used and intended for convenience of description or reference only and shall not be construed or interpreted to limit, restrict or define the scope or effect of any provision.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of these Bylaws, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these Bylaws, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

**ARTICLE VI
REVIEW AND AMENDMENT**

These Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis at its regular meeting in December. These Bylaws may be amended at any time by resolution of the Board introduced at a regular meeting and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting.

ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2019.




President and Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner



Secretary and Commissioner