

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
**VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting**

**Hybrid: In-Person at Verdant Community Wellness Center and via Zoom**

**November 6, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners  
Present**

Carolyn Brennan, Secretary  
Deana Knutsen, Commissioner  
Jim Distelhorst, MD, Commissioner  
Bob Knowles, Commissioner  
Karianna Wilson, President

**Staff**

Dr. Lisa Edwards, Superintendent  
Riene Simpson, Director of Finance  
Kyla Morgan, Executive Assistant and Office Manager  
Chase Toscano, Contracts Manager  
Ceil Erickson, Director of Community of Impact  
Nancy Budd, Community Social Worker

**Visitors**

None.

**Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by President Wilson.

**Land and  
Enslaved People's  
Acknowledgement**

President Wilson read the land acknowledgement aloud.

**Executive Session**

President Wilson closed the meeting for executive session to begin at 5:07 pm and will continue through 5:35 pm. This executive session is to review the performance of a public employee.

Executive session began at 5:07 pm.

Executive session was extended 5-minutes to 5:40 pm.

Executive session ended at 5:38 pm

**Open Session**

President Wilson reopened the public meeting at 5:38 pm.

**Discussion:  
Review 2025**

Ms. Erickson provided an overview of the applications the Commissioners have received thus far. Commissioners will

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**Funding Cycle  
Food Security  
Applications**

be reviewing the seven food security applications received for the 2025 funding cycle.

Commissioner Wilson asked Ms. Simpson to review what it means when the application was rated "meets standard with qualifications".

- Ms. Simpson clarified that it means the applicant met the necessary requirements and the organization submitted the correct paperwork, but Ms. Simpson noticed something during the review process that needed clarification.

Mr. Toscano shared a live excel sheet that contained an overview of each applicant and the Commissioners' initial recommendations. He updated the excel throughout the discussion as Commissioners reviewed each application (E:77:24). The Board reviewed the merits of the following applicants:

**APPLICATION DISCUSSION:**

CONCERN FOR NEIGHBORS FOOD BANK: Requested \$35,000.00.

EDMONDS FOOD BANK: Requested \$176,500.00.

FOUNDATION FOR EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Requested \$208,113.00.

HELPING HANDS PROJECT ORGANIZATION: Requested \$140,000.00.

HOMAGE dba SENIOR SERVICES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY: Requested \$425,000.00.

LYNNWOOD FOOD BANK: Requested \$96,100.00.

MILLENNIA MINISTRIES: Requested \$130,000.00.

**Commissioner  
Comments**

The board will use the meeting on November 13, 2024, for portfolio balancing and to review any applications they were not able to reach consensus on. Ms. Erickson informed commissioners that the C3 organization withdrew their application because they do not have the staff capacity to meet their request.

Commissioner Distelhorst asked if the hospital study is moving forward as expected.

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- Dr. Edwards answered that there have not been any change orders and it is moving along as on time. The District is using the contingency to contract a company to survey what other hospitals are doing to support their aging buildings.

Dr. Edwards met with an architect this afternoon for the Value Village demolition. Verdant must get clarity if they can still file a claim with Restorical Research for the cleanup of the site if they demolish the building down to the slab. She is following up with the Department of Ecology and South County Fire. She is anticipating it will take at least five months to work through the permitting process with the City of Edmonds and then the building can be demolished.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. by President Wilson.

**ATTEST BY:**

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President

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Secretary