

BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

October 14, 2025

Those in attendance were Hospital Commissioners Don Welander, Darrin Moody and Lori Brady. Also present were Eric Moll, Mason Health CEO; Steve Leslie, Mason Health CFO, Melissa Strong, Mason Health CNO; Winfried Danke, Mason Health COO; Dr. Darren Cuevas, Mason Health CMO; Robert Johnson, Legal Counsel, and Shelly Dunnington, Senior Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance: Jeff Lawson, OAC; Brent Wilcox, OAC; Patrick O'Neil, Director of Facilities

Don Welander called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Review and Minutes:

The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve September 23, 2025 minutes as presented.

Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar

Darrin Moody attended BOHC and Public Health Meeting on September 23, 2025, and Cooper Studio on September 25, 2025,

Don Welander attended BOHC on September 23, 2025, Cooper Studio on September 25, 2025, MRI Delivery on September 27, 2025, Oysterfest on September 29 – October 5, 2025 and met Eric Moll 1:1, on October 13, 2025.

Lori Brady attended BOHC September 23, 2025, Cooper Studio on September 25, 2025, MRI Delivery on September 27, 2025, Attended School Levy on October 7, 2025, Credentialing on October 8, 2025 and met w/ Eric Moll 1:1 on October 13, 2025.

Public Comments: Randy Lewis requested additional clarification regarding hospital write-offs. Staff will follow up with him offline to provide further explanation.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve October 14, 2025 consent agenda as presented.

Legal Counsel - None

CEO's Report –

- a. Vice Chair WSHA - Eric Moll was recently appointed Vice Chair of the Washington State Hospital Association. He noted that significant healthcare advocacy work will be required in the coming year.
- b. TRC – TRC now has 30 member hospitals. Eric Moll will be concluding his term as Chair but will continue serving on the Executive Committee. TRC continues to demonstrate tangible value through shared purchasing agreements.

Monthly Reports – None

Old Business – None

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New Business –

- a. Construction Update - Jeff Lawson, Brent Wilcox, and Patrick O’Neil provided an update. The project is approximately 50% complete. Abbott, OAC, and Mason Health are now meeting weekly to finalize the construction schedule, expected to be completed by next week. Questions identified over the past two weeks should be resolved this week.

They are reviewing potential cost savings by reclassifying certain areas and will present findings next month. The MRI Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for October 28, 2025.

Brent Wilcox commended the efforts of Patrick O’Neil, Jen Capps, Shelly Dunnington, Abbott Construction, and ZGF Architects for their excellent collaboration leading up to the MRI installation. Commissioners Welander and Brady thanked Patrick O’Neil for providing an informative tour during the MRI move, noting it offered valuable insight into the extensive structural work required for installation of the new open MRI.

Administration Roundtable

Winfried Danke:

- Reported the Rural Health Clinic remains on track for a February 2026 opening. Naming options for the clinic are still under review.
- Provided an update on the Walk-In Clinic.
- Shared that during the first month of expanded primary care access, patient visits have already increased.

Commissioner Lori Brady shared positive community feedback from a Mason Health patient regarding primary care services.

Dr. Darren Cuevas:

Reported ongoing collaboration with Pediatrics and Primary Care to balance patient panels across providers. The YMCA sports physical event was a success, receiving strong community praise.

Steve Leslie:

Reported that the 2026 budget is nearly complete, and work on monthly financials continues. He thanked Winfried and his team for their contributions in improving key service line performance. Steve also noted that the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) audit will begin within the next month. Jon Hornburg is preparing for budget implementation, year-end tasks, and multiple audits. CEO Eric Moll recognized Steve’s exceptional work and leadership during organizational changes.

Melissa Strong:

Reported that Mason Health has reached an agreement with AFSCME and received a letter to reopen wages with UFCW.

Contracts have been finalized with Uber Health and Puget Sound Hospice to support patients receiving hospital care while on hospice.

There are currently a few night shift nursing vacancies being recruited for.

Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BY: _____

Attest: _____
