

BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

January 13, 2026

Those in attendance were Hospital Commissioners Don Welander, Lori Brady and Pam Schlauderaff. 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, Hannah Norton, CMO EA and Shelly Dunnington, Senior Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance:

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

Agenda Review and Minutes: The agenda was reviewed and minutes presented.
It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve December 9, 2025, minutes as presented.

Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar

Lori Brady attended BOHC on December 9, 2025; the Foundation Holiday Gathering on December 18, 2025; and met Eric Moll 1:1 on January 12, 2026.

Don Welander attended BOHC on December 9, 2025; the Finance Committee Meeting on December 17, 2025; the Foundation Holiday Gathering on December 18, 2025; and met w/ Eric Moll 1:1 on January 12, 2026.

Pam Schlauderaff had pictures taken for the new Commissioner profile with Cooper Studios on January 8, 2026; met with Marketing on January 7, 2026; and attended orientation on January 12, 2026.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve January 13, 2026 the consent agenda as presented.

Legal Counsel – Rob Johnson swore in Pam Schlauderaff and Lori Brady as Public Hospital District # 1 of Mason County Commissioners.

CEO's Report –

Eric Moll shared that he chairs the Public Policy Committee for WSHA and is working on policy issues for the legislative session. Hospitals are uniquely impacted by the current charity care policy, and efforts are underway to protect the 340B program.

Within the "Big Beautiful Bill," there is Rural Health Funding that requires hospitals to apply for funds through CMS. There are two funding components: one totaling \$40 million through WSHA, with allocation based on Medicaid volume, and the second involving a direct application process.

This is a five-year funding period; however, the State must apply annually, as it is not an auto-renewal program.

Monthly Reports –

- a. Monthly Financials – Steve Leslie presented the November financials.

Old Business – None

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New Business –

- a. Construction Update - Jeff Lawson and Doug Darling joined the meeting to provide a construction update. Removal of the old MRI through the roof has been completed.
 - a. PCCO #005 - A recommendation for approval for change order in the amount of \$297,100.32.
It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the PCCO #005 in the amount of \$297,100.32.
- b. 2025 Accomplishments & Recognition – Winfried Danke presented the 2025 Accomplishments & Recognition across the District. He highlighted one of many of our achievements, including receiving a Center of Excellence designation for the new lung cancer screening program. Lori Brady asked about the wait time for ophthalmology appointment since the addition of a second provider.

Administration Roundtable

Steve hired Darrin Moody to manage Security operations on an interim basis until a new Facilities Director is hired.

Steve Leslie highlighted some of the construction project updates, noting that investigation work for the storefront will begin tomorrow.

Steve is working with Carolyn McCain on implementing UKG, with system testing scheduled to begin January.

Winfried Danke shared that goals for the new year include becoming more systematic by utilizing the Baldrige framework. Emphasis will be placed on data-informed decision-making and use of Lean management tools. Access to care is a key focus area in both primary and specialty care.

The Walk-In Clinic will extend hours until 6:00 p.m. this year, with operational considerations currently underway. A team of providers is scheduled to begin in March; contract labor is being used to fill positions in the interim.

The Evergreen Clinic will open on February 2, 2026.

Efforts are underway to establish an Emergency Department Practice Council, and Melissa is seeing positive signs of employee participation.

Masking is currently required in all patient care areas.

Mobile Integrated Health now has access to the electronic medical record (EMR).

The NURT will assume responsibility for orientation within their area and is exploring a Lean-based approach.

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Administration Roundtable (continued)

Nicole has expanded the job shadow program in partnership with the Health Science Academy.

Mason Health has been approved to offer a CNA course in collaboration with other rural hospitals.

Dr. Cuevas shared that Mason Health has onboard for new primary care providers and two Walk-In Clinic providers. He is working on orientation for new providers and managing patient assignments when a provider departs. Focus areas include Walk-In Clinic operations and triage, working closely with Kelly North and Natasha to ensure patients are routed appropriately.

Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BY: _____

Attest: _____
