

## BOARD OF HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

October 28, 2025

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

Others in attendance:

Don Welander called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:01 a.m.

### **Agenda Review and Minutes:**

The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve October 14, 2025, minutes as presented.**

### **Commissioners' Committee Report & Calendar**

Darrin Moody attended BOHC on October 14, 2025, Thurston Talks Interview October 16, 2025; Trunk or Treat Judging on October 24, 2025; and met w/ Eric 1:1 on October 27, 2025.

Don Welander attended BOHC October 14, 2025; QIC on October 21, 2025; and met w/ Eric 1:1 on October 27, 2025

Lori Brady attended BOHC October 14, 2025; QIC on October 21, 2025; Trunk or Treat judging on October 24, 2025; and met w/ Eric 1:1 on October 27, 2025.

**Public Comments: None**

### **Consent Agenda:**

**It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve October 28, 2025; consent agenda as presented.**

**Legal Counsel - None**

### **CEO's Report –**

Eric Moll shared that TRC and WSHA are collaborating around technology initiatives, with a focus on promoting a rural network and integrating artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities. Mason Health is submitting an application to the *Rural Transformation Fund*, which, if approved, could transition into a grant opportunity.

Mason Health continues building its AI coding agent, with plans to next develop AI-driven preauthorization.

**Monthly Reports - None**

**Old Business – None**

### **New Business –**

- a. **Special Budget Hearing** - Don Welander opened the Budget Hearing at 9:00 a.m. Steve Leslie presented the proposed 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets. Discussion included strategies to increase colonoscopy volumes in 2026. Lori Brady inquired how United Healthcare

New Business (continued)

denial rates compare to the current insurer; Steve Leslie noted they are comparable. Budget Hearing concluded at 10:57 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

- b. Benefits – Reschedule to next board meeting
- c. Rural Health Clinic Name Recommendation - Winfried Danke presented three recommendations name of the Rural Health Clinic with the survey winner being Mason Health Evergreen Clinic.

**Administration Roundtable**

Winfried Danke shared continued positive engagement with providers on improving clinic access, noting that one key challenge remains managing provider inbox volumes.

He also discussed progress in his Baldrige Fellowship, now at its halfway point, noting that healthcare leaders nationwide are grappling with similar access challenges.

Winfried shared images of the four art panels that will be installed in the Culinary Services area. The grand opening is scheduled for February 2026. The artwork was provided through a *Blue Zones* grant.

Melissa Strong reported that AFSCME is voting today.

Kudos were given to Nicole Eddins' team for the positive community feedback received on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

Recruitment continues for a Supervisor in the Emergency Department.

Dr. Cuevas shared updates on work to improve inpatient discharge processes.

Steve Leslie reported continued focus on budget completion, after which attention will be turned to the chargemaster and an option for a full interim cost report.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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