

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #2022-22

IN THE MATTER OF EXPANDING THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 70.05.030, the Board of County Commissioners shall constitute the local board of health and the board of health shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people of Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has the authority under RCW 43.20 to adopt rules regarding local board of health membership. During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1152 (E2SHB 1152), supporting measures to create comprehensive public health districts and local boards of health; and

WHEREAS, among other changes, E2SHB 1152 provides additional guidance for the composition of local boards of health, adding new representatives, and term limits and expanding local board of health membership to include an equal number of elected and non-elected persons, effective July 1, 2022. RCW 43.20.300 requires that membership of the non-elected members must be selected from the categories listed below with a diversity of expertise and lived experience. Non-elected members shall include:

- Public health, health care facilities, and providers;
- Consumers of public health; and
- Other community stakeholders.

WHEREAS, non-elected board members shall be approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the local Board of Health shall be coextensive with the boundaries of said county. Elected members of the Columbia County Board of Health shall serve terms consistent with the terms of the entity they represent and all other members of the Board of Health will be randomly assigned as one (1) year, two (2) years, or three (3) years and subsequent terms will be for three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, at the first annual meeting of the Board of Health, the members shall elect a chairman for the period of one year. A quorum shall consist of at least one county commissioner and at least three other members; and

WHEREAS, members will serve without compensation as a voluntary commitment; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Board of Health shall have the ability to vote on all issues pertaining to public health policy and priorities. However, any Board of Health supported issue requiring additional funding from the County will be forwarded as a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for final action; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 70.05.030 and having an effective date of July 1, 2022, that the Board of County Commissioners shall elect three (3) additional non-elected board members to the local Columbia County Board of Health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, this 18th day of July, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



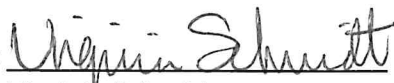
Marty J. Hall, Chairman



Charles L. Amerein, Commissioner



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Attest: 

Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board