

**KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Special Meeting  
March 31, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Commissioner Garrido at 1:05 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Keith Grellner, Administrator, provided the Board with two brief updates on COVID-19 in Kitsap:

1. Washington State has entered Phase 3 of the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery. The next evaluation report for our county is due on April 12. The state's target metric for case rate per 100,000 is < 200 cases. As of right now, our case rate has increased from 62 to 85 cases per 100 thousand residents. A majority of the cases reported to Kitsap Public Health are related to gatherings. Mr. Grellner reminded the public to stay vigilant, stay home if ill, wear a mask in public especially when inside structure other than your own home, and social distancing and avoid large gatherings, especially now that at least one of the variants has been confirmed in Kitsap.
2. At the regular Health Board meeting next week, Health District staff will bring a draft resolution to the Board regarding racism as a public health crisis. The Health District issued an open letter to the public on this topic last summer following the murder of George Floyd. Health District staff are working with the Kitsap County Vaccine Equity Collaborative and our tribal neighbors to develop the resolution. The collaborative has emphasized the need for a resolution like this to assist with their efforts in vaccinating disparate communities.

Commissioner Garrido asked how much feedback the Health District is receiving from its outreach about racism. Mr. Grellner said the Health District is receiving a lot of good feedback. He said the draft resolution has been shared with the Vaccine Equity Collaborative and Kitsap tribes. Lastly, he noted the importance of giving Kitsap's communities of color ample time to provide input on and inform this resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (1)(G): DISCUSSION TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**

At 1:14 p.m., Commissioner Garrido announced that the Board would exit for Executive Session for the remainder of the meeting and would not return. No decisions were made.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (1)(I): DISCUSSION RELATED TO POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Garrido began the second Executive Session. No decisions were made.

**ADJOURN**

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



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**Charlotte Garrido**  
**Kitsap Public Health Board**



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**Keith Grellner**  
**Administrator**

**Board Members Present:** *Mayor* Becky Erickson; *Commissioner* Charlotte Garrido; *Commissioner* Robert Gelder; *Mayor* Robert Putaansuu; *Mayor* Greg Wheeler; *Commissioner* Ed Wolfe.

**Board Members Absent:** *Deputy Mayor* Kirsten Hytopoulos.

**Community Members Present:** Michelle Fossum, *Sayre Sayre & Fossum*; Stacey Smith, *Self*.

**Staff Present:** Angie Berger, *Administrative Assistant, Administration*; Keith Grellner, *Administrator*; Karen Holt, *Program Manager, Human Resources*.