



King County

King County Board of Health

Staff Report

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Subject

A set of proposed resolutions regarding the reappointment and appointment of non-elected candidates to the King County Board of Health.

Summary

Rule and Regulation BOH 23-05 and BOH 23-06 would identify the Board of Health's selected nonelected member candidates for terms beginning in January 2024. Resolution BOH 23-05 recommends Butch de Castro and Lisa Chew to be reappointed for a three-year term to seats representing public health, facilities, and professionals. Resolution BOH 23-06 recommends Christopher Archiopoli and Francoise Milinganyo to be appointed for a three-year term to seats representing community stakeholders.

Background

Pursuant to R.C.W. 70.05.035, the King County Board of Health shall consist of an equal number of elected and non-elected members. One of the non-elected members must be selected by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State, while the remaining members should be chosen by the King County Board of Health from three distinct categories of interests: public health, health care facilities and providers, consumers of public health, and other community stakeholders. Additionally, in compliance with chapter 246-90 WAC, BOH chapter 2.04, and K.C.C. chapter 2.35, the King County Board of Health is required to select applicants who will represent community stakeholders, thereby enhancing the board's efforts to preserve and protect public health.

Recruitment Process

King County Board of Health plays a crucial role in promoting and protecting the health of King County residents. The King County Board seeks members who have demonstrated a commitment to public health, who represent a diversity of expertise and lived experiences, and who identify with historically underrepresented communities.

When assessing candidates for nonelected positions, the boards take into consideration the following:

- Whether the applicant's background meets the qualifications of the applicant's selected category or categories as defined in WAC 246-095-010;
- Potential conflicts of interest;
- The applicant's demonstrated commitment to public health;
- Service, current or past, on other local boards or commissions;
- Whether the applicant represents a diversity of expertise and lived experience;
- Whether the applicant represents the geographic diversity of the community; and
- Whether the applicant identifies with a historically underrepresented community.

The King County Board of Health recruitment strategy included advertising for vacant positions through various channels such as:

- Posting vacancy announcements on the King County website,
- Advertisements in the local newspapers of record
- Posting on Public Health – Seattle & King County's online blog
- E-mail recruitments sent via email in English and Spanish
- Available vacancy announcements in any language upon request;
- Vacancy announcements were also posted across the King county region

The board received 14 applications for membership, of which 10 met the eligibility criteria as defined in WAC 246-095-010. In response, a subcommittee consisting of BOH members volunteered to interview candidates and review their applications in early September. After thorough review, the subcommittee recommend Christopher Archiopoli as a potential community stakeholder and Francoise Milinganyo as an alternate representative of community stakeholder.

Reappointments

The first board of health resolution recommends reappointing Butch de Castro and Lisa Chew as representatives of public health facilities and providers for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026. Both candidates have expressed interest in serving an additional term, and the board recommends their reappointment.

Dr. Butch de Castro is a Professor and Dean of the College of Nursing at Seattle University, where he holds the University Robert J. and Mary H. Bertch Endowed Professorship in Nursing Leadership. His professional practice expertise is Public Health and his research focuses on

population health inequities and their impacts on communities of color. In addition to his numerous awards for his distinction, Dr. de Castro is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Lisa Chew, MD, is Professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine and previously served as the Associate Medical Director for Ambulatory Care at Harborview Medical Center. Her influence and leadership at Harborview and UW Medicine have positively impacted the lives of many residents in our community and beyond. Dr. Chew's programs, such as launching primary care services for patients on methadone at Evergreen Treatment Services, have significantly improved the lives of countless individuals experiencing substance use disorder. As a recognized leader and advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion, she possesses a deep understanding of health equity disparities within our healthcare system. She is currently the Director of Clinical Innovations at the Association of American Medical Colleges. She works with a wide range of health system leaders to increase their availability to deliver high value, high quality, and equitable care through clinical transformation and innovative care models

Appointments

Resolution BOH 23-06 recommends Christopher Archiopoli to serve as a representative of community stakeholders for a three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2026. The board of health also recommends Francoise Milinganyo to serve as an alternate representative of community stakeholders for a three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2026. Both candidates selected by the board were recruited and chosen in accordance with 246-90 WAC, pertaining to Local Board of Health Membership, and each candidate meets the qualifications and requirements of RCW 70.05.035(1)(a).

Christopher Archiopoli is the Director of Peer Seattle, a non-profit organization that offers peer emotional support, wraparound services, and a safe space for Washington state residents affected by substance use disorder, mental health issues, or HIV/AIDS. As a public health consumer, Archiopoli began receiving services at Dunshee House in 2008, continuing his involvement at Seattle Area Support Groups and becoming a Peer Coach in 2018. His passion lies in advocating for people living with HIV/AIDS and those dealing with substance use disorders.

Francoise Milinganyo is the Director of HR and Operations at the Congolese Integration Network or CIN. CIN provides wraparound services to improve the health outcomes of Congolese immigrants and refugees through a multi-pronged approach. She joined the organization in 2017 as a board member and later became a staff in 2019. At CIN, she has served the community, offering culturally responsive programs to promote health literacy and collaborating with King County to facilitate vaccination events for diverse community members. Through personal and professional experience, Milinganyo is a strong advocate for mental health support in underserved communities.

Next steps

In accordance with the recommendations for the Board of Health, the appointment process will be transferred to the King County Council for their appointment of the nominated members. The Board of Health Administrator will transmit the necessary documents to the clerk of the King County Council in a timely manner to allow the Council to deliberate on the appointments and reappointments.