



Special Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026, 3:00pm, 421 W Riverside Ave. Suite 805, Spokane, Washington 99201
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HSSA promotes bioscience-based economic development and advances new therapies and procedures to prevent disease and promote public health.

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The HSSA Board and staff comply with the Washington State Ethics in Public Service Act, chapter 42.52 RCW and the HSSA Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy.

A conflict of interest exists when a Board Member or employee has a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in a proposed grant or other contract.

For purposes of disclosure a "Beneficial Interest" means a direct or indirect through business, investment, or family:

1. Ownership or Investment interest in any entity that has submitted a proposal for a contract or grant;
2. a current compensation arrangement with any entity or individual that has submitted a proposal for a contract or grant with the HSSA, a reasonably foreseeable potential future ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement; or
3. a current compensation arrangement with any entity or individual that has a significant competitive interest that would be affected by a grant or contract awarded by the HSSA.

If a Board Member or employee has conflict of interest, they should disclose the conflict to the Board Chair and not participate in discussion, approval, administration, or monitoring any such grant or contract.

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1. Welcome- Dr. Francisco Velázquez
 - A. Quorum Established with the following Board Members Present: Dr. Francisco Velázquez, Dr. Daryll DeWald, Julie Orchard, Lewis Rumpler, Dr. Vange Ocasio Hochheimer, John Powers, Dr. Robin Pickering, Alisha Benson, Chandima Bandara, Collins Sprague, Alex Jackson
Also present: Erin Williams Hueter, Dr. Geoffrey Mwangi, Dr. Joanna Ellington, Kim Ferraro, Lloyd Fillis, Thad O Sullivan, Leeanne Clegg, Amanda Hatcher
 - B. Identify Conflicts of Interest - None noted
 - C. Review of Action Items
 - D. Approval of 3.18.2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve made by Dr. Daryll DeWald
 - ii. Motion seconded by Julie Orchard
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously by the board
 - E. Grant Balance Corrections
 - F. Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum- None brought forward
2. Board Chair Report and Executive Committee Update- Dr. Francisco Velázquez
3. Executive Director Report- Erin Williams Hueter

- A. Grantee Updates
 - i. Dr. Geoffrey Mwangi- [Asante Health](#)
 - ii. Dr. Joanna Ellington- [Glyciome LLC](#)
- B. Strategic Plan Update
 - i. Healthcare Capacity Workgroup Now Convening
 - ii. Developing potential options for external grant review
- 5. Finance Committee Report- Lewis Rumpler
 - A. Balance Sheet Corrections
 - i. WSU SP3NW Wet Lab Grant (2022-2024) \$9,528.37
 - ii. Grant Writing Assistance for Academic Labs \$409,520.00
 - a. Motion to approve made by Lewis Rumpler
 - b. Motion seconded by Robin Pickering
 - c. Motion passed unanimously by the board
 - B. Review of March 2026 Financial Reports
- 5. Grants Committee Report- Dr. Daryll DeWald
 - A. April 15th Application Deadlines
 - i. Bioscience Infrastructure and Ecosystem Building
 - ii. Spokane Early Stage
 - a. Applicant Interviews June 3, 2026
 - B. Grant Review Process
- 6. Governance Committee Report- Dr. Darryl Potyk
 - A. 2026 Board Terms Ending, discussion regarding the need to receive approval from appointing authority
 - B. April Review of Policies, Procedures, Bylaws, etc.
- 7. Adjourn- Dr. Francisco Velázquez
 - A. Motion to approve made by Dr. Robin Pickering
 - B. Motion seconded by Chandima Bandara
 - C. Motion passed unanimously by the board at 3:45pm