



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 12:00PM, Spokane Public Library, Central Branch Events Room B

HSSA promotes bioscience based economic development and advances new therapies and procedures to prevent disease and promote public health.

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.

Rev 8.21.2024

1. Welcome- Board Chair Dr. Francisco Velázquez
 - a. Public Comment: 3 Minute Maximum (Please Sign In to Be Heard)
2. Board Chair Report and Executive Committee Update- Dr. Francisco Velázquez
 - a. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy
 - b. Brief review of HSSA grant-making history
 - c. Brief Strategic Plan Review
3. Grants Committee Report- Dr. Daryll DeWald
 - a. Review of Grants Committee’s work in the last twelve months
 - b. Expected outcomes for today’s meeting
4. Research, Development and Commercialization Matching Grant-Making- Erin Williams Hueter
 - a. Review of Decisions Reached By Consensus:
 - i. Grant Types
 - ii. Phased Granting System
 1. Early Stage Startup, Level 1, Level 2 Grant Limits
 2. Lifetime Limits by Grant Type
 - iii. Three highest point value items align with founding documents:
 1. Improved Health Outcomes in Spokane County
 2. Jobs Created in Spokane County
 3. Project Description/Commercialization Plan
 - iv. Inclusion of Grants Committee Interviews with Applicants

- b. Priority Discussion Areas:
 - i. Defining “Bioscience”: Founding Document Language vs NIH Language
 - ii. Match Recency
 - iii. Spokane County Investors/Board Members
 - iv. Value Assessment: Start-Up vs Sophisticated Enterprise
 - 1. Commercialization Plan
 - 2. Team Make-Up
- 5. Wrapping Up- Dr. Francisco Velázquez and Erin Williams Hueter
 - a. Up Next: Access to Care Grant priority
 - b. Addressing our top priority: Increase the capacity of Spokane County’s healthcare system to improve the health outcomes through the advancement of innovative practices, therapies, procedures, diagnostics and treatment
- 6. Adjourn- Dr. Francisco Velázquez
 - a. Next Meeting May 28, 2025