



PHPDA Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Quarters 2 Building, Pacific Tower, 1200 12th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98144

Virtual Location: Meeting ID: 833 0645 1885 |

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MEMBERS PRESENT		NOT PRESENT	ALSO PRESENT	
Douglass Jackson	Doris Koo		Denise Stiffarm	Christina Bernard
Paul Feldman	Nancy Sugg		Whitney Regan	Brenda Hernandez
Nick Ramirez	Sue Taoka		Dan Lessler	Diane Pietrowski (joined at 6:00pm)
Martine Pierre-Louis (joined at 5:40pm)	Bob Cook			

Douglas Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was present. There were no public comments.

Meeting Minutes

Douglass Jackson asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

Governing Council Meeting April 8, 2025

Special Governing Council Meeting May 7, 2025

Nancy Sugg moved. Bob Cook seconded. 5 of 7 were in favor, with Paul Feldman and Sue Taoka abstaining.

Grantmaking

2025 Renewal Major Grant Awards (Resolution 10-2025)

Council member Bob Cook introduced the recommendations from the renewal grant panel. He shared that the new process, in which staff completed an initial review and recommendation, was very helpful and aided the discussion for the panel. The more thorough and detailed tech reviews streamlined the process. All eligible grantees are recommended for renewal with several receiving increased funding. Notifications will be shared with grantees May 16, 2025.

Douglass Jackson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 10-2025 approving July 2025 – June 2026 funding for renewal grantees totaling just under \$3 million. Bob Cook moved. Sue Taoka seconded. All were in favor.



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2025 New Major Grant Awards (Resolution 11-2025)

Council member Nancy Sugg presented the recommendation from the new Major grant panel. She shared details of all organizations recommended for major grant awards and details about their programs. Just over \$1 million is recommended to be distributed to organizations for July 2025 through June 2026. Many organizations are dealing with the urgency of needing to sustain their programs with changes to their other funding sources.

Douglass Jackson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-2025 2025 New Major Grant Awards. Nancy Sugg moved. Martine Pierre-Louis seconded. 6 of 7 were in favor. Paul Feldman abstained.

Governance

2025 Updated Committee Membership (Resolution 12-2025)

Council Chair Douglass Jackson outlined the updated Committee assignments.

Douglass Jackson asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12-2025 Updated Committee Membership. Sue Taoka moved. Bob Cook seconded. All were in favor.

Study Session: Strategic Transformation

The Governing Council was joined by former Council member Dan Lessler. Dr. Lessler previously worked at Harborview Medical Center and the Health Care Authority, among other positions. He shared his thoughts about areas in the health care field in which he sees the most need and the most opportunity for change. He noted that while in many ways Washington, particularly western Washington, is ahead of much of the country, there is still immense need in this area. He noted that there are a lot of unknowns about future funding changes at the federal level, and that the direction those changes go will have significant impact. He discussed some specific areas where there may be funding gaps, as well as areas he sees the most opportunity for systemic change.



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Council members thanked Dr. Lessler for his insight and continued discussion regarding the direction PHPDA may go with the Transformation work. The need to balance immediate need and larger future systemic change, ways to engage the community in conversations, and the future learning needs within this planning process were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Signed by: *Douglas Jackson* 6/11/2025
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