

Health Care Cost Transparency Board meeting minutes

February 18, 2021
Health Care Authority
Meeting held electronically (Zoom) and telephonically
2-4 p.m.

Note: this meeting was video recorded in its entirety. The recording and all materials provided to and considered by the board is available on the [Health Care Cost Transparency Board webpage](#).

Members present

Sue Birch, chair
Lois Cook
Bianca Frogner
Sonja Kellen
Pam MacEwan
Molly Nollette
Margaret Stanley
Kim Wallace
Carol Wilmes
Edwin Wong
Laura Kate Zaichkin

Call to order and welcome remarks

Sue Birch, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Agenda items

Welcoming remarks

Sue Birch

Ms. Birch welcomed the board to the first meeting. She remarked that health care costs are growing at an unsustainable rate, that the high cost is squeezing business, family and state budgets, and that Washington is a leader in innovation. She reminded the board of its obligation to participate fully.

Orientation to HB 2457 legislation and board purpose

Mich'l Needham, chief policy officer, Health Care Authority
PowerPoint presentation

Board member and staff introductions

Individuals were asked to introduce themselves with a sentence describing their perspective on the work of the Board.

Open public meetings training

Katy Hatfield, AAG
PowerPoint presentation

Review of draft charter and operating procedures

AnnaLisa Gellermann
PowerPoint presentation, complete draft document in materials

Detailed review of meeting plan

Michael Bailit, Bailit Health

Public comment

Nancy Guinto, Washington Health Alliance, welcomed members and shared her support of addressing increasing health care cost.

Next meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021
Meeting to be held on Zoom
2-4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.