

VSHSL ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, August 21, 2025, | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Summary of Attendance

- **Attended meeting via Zoom:**
- Board Members:
 - Alex O'Reilly
 - Jenn Ramirez Robson
 - Julia Colson
 - Brian Berry
 - Pete Lewis
 - Gazel Tan
 - Brenda Farwell
 - Preston Anderson

Staff:

- Shayna Pepin
 - Taylor Gaston
 - Marjan Didra
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- Guests
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- **Attended meeting on-site:**
Board Members: Pete Lewis
Staff: Shayna Pepin

Call to Order

- 11:08 am

Welcome and Icebreaker

- No Quorum

Meeting Summary

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Approval of Consent Agenda

- No Quorum

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Subcommittee Report-Outs

- Veterans: did meet in August.
- RC: did not meet in August.
- Seniors: did not meet in August. They are scheduled to have an update from a VSHSL funded program at the September Seniors Committee Meeting: The MultiDisciplinary Team on Elder Abuse.

VSHSL Annual Report Update & Request

- There will be a presentation on Annual Report in September 2025.

August Presentation: Annual Report

- No presentation was conducted.
- The dashboard was shared with the board.
- Given the lack of a quorum, the staff asked if the advisory board is in favor or not in favor of the visual presentation of the Annual Report. The board members all raised their hands in favor of the Annual report format.
- Jenn Ramirez Robson requested that the Annual Report be made accessible to all members of the public, specifically regarding its formatting accessibility.
- Shayna Pepin inquired if the board would like to receive the digital version of the Annual Report, and the present members confirmed.

Staff Updates

- Shayna Pepin provided updates about the changes made to the VSHSL Advisory board packets
 - Updated event information
 - Update VSHSL Advisory board members roasters
- Shayna Pepin provided updates
 - Upcoming investments
 - Workforce Stabilization
 - Regional Human Service Coalitions Survey- 8 responses were received.
 - TACB
 - Contracted provider survey
- Taylor Gaston provided updates regarding the Summit and the possibility of including the provider awards.

Announcements

- Jenn Ramirez Robson discussed their collaboration with Senator Murray's staff and their ongoing commitment to supporting veterans.
- Preston Anderson shared information regarding the low morale for the VA employees.
- Gazel Tan attended the Resource Access Team's tabling event in Redmond on Sunday August 17, 2025.
- Alex O'Reilly shared information that Seattle Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council has three meetings with the congressional representative in the week of August 25th. They are meeting with Representatives Smith, Del Bene, and Schrier regarding the need for

an increase in funding.

Board Business

- The board discussed meeting to work on updating the bylaws.
 - The Senior's committee has discussed this matter and will provide updates in the upcoming meetings.
- The board discussed the lack of member attendance. They also discussed adding team-building activities to get to know the new members.
- Board members highlighted the need for advocating for public attendance to join the meetings.
- Members discussed the need to meet in person for board-related team-building activities.
- Members discussed including the board's upcoming meeting invites in the packet and sending reminders.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

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Minutes taken by: <<Shayna Pepin, staff>>

