

WAC 246-90-025 Local boards of health—Nonelected members—Selection. (1) Nonelected members of a local board of health must be selected from the following categories:

- (a) Public health, health care facilities, and providers;
- (b) Consumers of public health; and
- (c) Other community stakeholders.

(2) If the total number of nonelected members of a local board of health is evenly divisible by three, there must be an equal number of members selected from each of the three categories.

(3) There may be no more than one member selected from each category with the same background or position except under the following circumstances:

(a) If there are one or two nonelected members over the nearest multiple of three, those nonelected members may be selected from any of the three categories; and

(b) If, in a health district consisting of one county, there are two nonelected members over the nearest multiple of three, each member over the nearest multiple of three must be selected from a different category.

(4) A local board of health shall assess the following when considering applicants for selection to a local board of health:

(a) Service, current or past, on other local boards or commissions;

(b) Whether the applicant's background meets the qualifications of the applicant's selected category or categories as defined in WAC 246-095-010;

(c) Potential conflict of interest;

(d) The applicant's demonstrated commitment to public health;

(e) Whether the applicant represents a diversity of expertise and lived experience; and

(f) Whether the applicant represents the geographic diversity of the community.

(5) A local board of health shall also assess whether the applicant identifies with a historically underrepresented community when being considered as a nonelected member representing consumers of public health.

(6) Local board of health membership must include a balanced representation of elected officials and nonelected people with a diversity of expertise and lived experience.

(7) Persons with a fiduciary obligation to a health facility or other health agency, or a material financial interest in the rendering of health services, may not be selected as a nonelected member of a local board of health representing consumers of public health.

(8) Applicants must disclose any potential conflict of interest.

(9) If a local board of health demonstrates that it attempted to recruit members from all three categories under subsection (1) of this section and was unable to do so, the local board of health may select members only from the other two categories.

(10) The selection process must be consistent with applicable provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW.

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