

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
October 23, 2024
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at the Citizens Service Center at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 23, 2024. Eight Board of Health members were present.

President Ted Collas called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call:

Present:

Ted Collas, President
Doris Ralston, Vice President
Commissioner Cami Bremer
Dr. Debora Chan
Councilmember Dave Donelson
Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.
Mayor Glant Havenar
Dr. Richard Vu

Directors and Officers Present:

Susan Wheelan, Public Health Executive Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director
Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director
Dr. Paul Mayer, Co-Medical Director
Carolyn Gery, Development Officer
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director
Kat McGarvy, Environmental Health Division Director
Michelle Beyrle, Strategy, Data & Communication Division Director

El Paso County staff present at Regular Session:

Debbie Perry	Haley Zachary	Lori Seago	Michelle Guenther
Nikki Simmons	Sara Kinney	Taylor Hartshorn	

Approval of Agenda

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2024 Board of Health Meeting.

MOVED: by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Mayor Havenar to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Health Comments

1. Vice President Ralston commended staff and the leadership team and expressed appreciation for all they do for our community.
2. Dr. Chan thanked the leadership team for providing information about the rate of overdose and suicide deaths in our community, noting a disproportionate impact to men.
3. Commissioner Gonzalez commented there was a targeted effort aimed at men's health that started about two years ago and suggested inquiring about an update on the status of those efforts. He also commented El Paso County commissioners opposed the recreational marijuana proposal, which the Board of Health opposed at its meeting in September.
4. President Collas congratulated Commissioner Bremer on her new position with Pikes Peak United Way.

Approval of Minutes

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 Board of Health Meeting minutes.

MOVED: by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Dr. Chan to ratify the minutes from the September 25, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Resolutions

Debbie Perry, Finance Division Manager for El Paso County, presented on the Resolution Regarding Decrease in Public Health Capital Assets Threshold.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Mayor Havenar to approve Resolution Regarding Decrease in Public Health Capital Assets Threshold.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

Taylor Hartshorn, Budget Analyst, presented the September 2024 financial summary.

Taylor Hartshorn, Budget Analyst, presented the 2025 Preliminary Balanced Budget.

Director's Report

Director Wheelan recognized Michelle Beyrle for her promotion to Division Director, Strategy, Data & Communication.

Communicable Disease Division Manager Haley Zachary and Co-Medical Director Dr. Bernadette Albanese provided a brief update on the E. coli outbreak in response to a question from Councilman Donelson.

Adjournment

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Mayor Havenar to Adjourn the October 23, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment at 10:23 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

at The Citizens Service Center

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd. in Colorado Springs

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