

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

September 25, 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 September 25, 2024. Nine Board of Health members were present.

President Ted Collas, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call:

Present:

Ted Collas, President
Doris Ralston, Vice President
Commissioner Cami Bremer
Dr. Debora Chan
General Jack Briggs
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
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director
Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer

El Paso County staff present at Regular Session:

Amanda Hamilton	Erinn Pablo	Haley Zachary	Jennifer Mussaw (Teams)
Kat McGarvy	Lori Cleaton	Lori Seago	Melissa Sattler-Gordon (Teams)
Michelle Guenther	Sara Kinney		

Members of the public present at Regular Session:

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

MOVED: by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the agenda for the September 25, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Health Comments

1. Vice President Ralston extended her sincere appreciation of General Briggs' enthusiastic dedication to Public Health.
2. Commissioner Bremer commented on General Briggs's service to the Board of Health and appreciated his thoughtful comments.
3. Dr. Vu echoed appreciation of General Briggs' service. He also expressed appreciation of Public Health staff and all the good work they're doing.
4. Mayor Havenar also echoed sentiments about General Briggs' service and commented, "he has a good heart."
5. Dr. Chan commented that General Briggs will be missed terribly.
6. President Collas presented General Briggs with a Certificate of Appreciation. President Collas also commented on the process and timeline to replace General Briggs' seat on the board.
7. Commissioner Gonzalez acknowledged General Briggs' service to the public.
8. Director Susan wheelan expressed gratitude on behalf of the agency.

Approval of Minutes

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 Board of Health Meeting minutes.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to ratify the minutes from the August 28, 2024 Board of Health meeting. Vice President Ralston and General Briggs abstained from the vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Finance and Budget

Sara Kinney, Budget Manager, presented the August 2024 financial summary.

Contract Renewals

Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director, presented the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) contract renewal.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by General Briggs to Approve the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) contract renewal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jennifer Mussaw, Maternal and Child Health Division Manager, presented the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) contract renewal.

MOVED: by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Mayor Havenar to Approve the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) contract renewal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Melissa Sattler-Gordon, Women, Infants and Children Division Manager, presented the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) contract renewal.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Vice President Ralston to Approve the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) contract renewal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Melissa Sattler-Gordon, Women, Infants and Children Division Manager, presented the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor contract renewal.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Mayor Havenar to Approve the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor contract renewal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolutions

Lori Seago, Senior Assistant County Attorney, El Paso County, read the Resolution Regarding City of Colorado Springs Ballot Measures Related to Recreational Marijuana.

MOVED: by General Briggs, seconded by Mayor Havenar to approve Resolution Regarding City of Colorado Springs Ballot Measures Related to Recreational Marijuana.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

1. Director Wheelan introduced Amanda Hamilton who was recently hired as her Executive Assistant.
2. Director Wheelan announced that Kat McGarvy has been promoted to the Environmental Health Division Director position.
3. Director Wheelan presented a photo montage of Public Health staff participating in community events, including:
 - a. Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA) Annual Education Conference, coordinated by Erinn Pablo, Environmental Health Specialist.
 - b. Fiestas Patrias.
 - c. Latino Community Luncheon.
4. Commissioner Bremer commended Director Wheelan for receiving the Latina of the Year award, presented by the Latina Equity Foundation at the Fiestas Patrias event held Sept. 14-15. Director Wheelan stated the award reflects the work of the entire agency.

Director's Report

Haley Zachary, Communicable Disease Division Manager, presented on flu, COVID-19 and respiratory illness Season.

Adjournment

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: by General Briggs, seconded by Vice President Ralston to Adjourn the September 25, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment at 10:19 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, October 23, 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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