

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
August 28, 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 August 28, 2024. Six Board of Health members were present.

President Ted Collas, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call:

Present:

Ted Collas, President
Commissioner Cami Bremer
Dr. Debora Chan
Councilmember Dave Donelson
Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.
Dr. Richard Vu

Absent:

Mayor Glant Havenar
General Jack Briggs
Doris Ralston, Vice President

Directors and Officers Present:

Susan Wheelan, Public Health Executive Director
DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director
Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director
Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer
Summer South, Clinical Services Division Director

El Paso County staff present at Regular Session:

Brittany Riffle	Kristi Durbin	Lori Cleaton	Marigny Klaber	Pam Preston
Rubba Ahram	Sara Kinney	Summer South		

Members of the public present at Regular Session:

Cass Walton	David Galvan	Julie Hendricksen	Lauren Eckhart
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Approval of Agenda

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

MOVED: by Dr. Chan, seconded by Commissioner Bremer to approve the agenda for the August 28, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Health Comments

1. Dr. Vu expressed appreciation for Public Health staff. Dr. Vu also commented that he opposed recreational marijuana.
2. Commissioner Bremer commented on attending the National Association of Local Boards of Health conference.
3. Commissioner Gonzalez commented on a city initiative coming up on the ballot for recreational marijuana. Commissioner Gonzalez indicated that if the Board would like to do a resolution opposing recreational marijuana, it would need to happen at the September meeting.
4. Councilmember Donelson commented on the process City Council follows regarding the ballot measure for recreational marijuana sales. Councilmember Donelson expressed his support of a resolution opposing recreational marijuana. Councilmember Donelson also commented on the complaints regarding noise impact from the Ford Ampitheater.
5. President Collas commented on General Briggs resigning his position on the Board of Health. President Collas commented on Board of Health member trainings. President Collas commented on the permanent move to Snow Miller conference room for Board of Health meetings.

Approval of Minutes

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the June 26, 2024 Board of Health Meeting minutes.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Councilmember Donelson to ratify the minutes from the June 26, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Proclamations

Commissioner Bremer read the Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Dr. Vu to Approve the Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

Sara Kinney, Budget Supervisor, presented the June and July 2024 financial summaries.

Resolutions

Kristi Durbin, Immunizations and Travel Program Manager, presented the Resolution Recognizing Immunization #3 (IMM3) contract.

MOVED: by Dr. Vu seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to Approve the Resolution Recognizing Immunization #3 (IMM3) contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Marigny Klaber, Assistant Communicable Disease Program Manager, presented the Resolution Recognizing Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) 2.2.

MOVED: by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Donelson to Approve the Resolution Recognizing Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) 2.2.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sara Kinney, Budget Manager, presented the Resolution Recognizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Public Health South.

MOVED: by Dr. Chan seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to Approve the Resolution Recognizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Public Health South.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sara Kinney, Budget Manager, presented the Resolution Recognizing Revenue Change and Appropriate Expenditures for State Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) funds received in June 2024.

MOVED: by Dr. Vu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to Approve the Resolution Recognizing Revenue Change and Appropriate Expenditures for State Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) funds received in June 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

1. Director Wheelan invited the Board to attend the Latino Community Luncheon.
2. Director Wheelan invited the Board to the Colorado Environmental Health Association conference.
3. Director Wheelan introduced Michelle Guenther, Business Operations Director.

Director's Report

Susan Garrett, Clinical Excellence Consultant presented on Tuberculosis.

Adjournment

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: by Dr. Chan, seconded by Commissioner Bremer to Adjourn the August 28, 2024 Board of Health meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment at 10:28 am.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, September 25, 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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