

# EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

February 28, 2024

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The El Paso County Board of Health met at Centennial Hall at 200 South Cascade, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on February 28, 2024, Eight Board of Health members were present.

Ted Collas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### **Board of Health Member Roll Call:**

#### *Present:*

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

#### *Absent:*

General Jack Briggs (excused)

### **Directors and Officers Present:**

Susan Wheelan, Public Health Director  
DeAnn Ryberg, Public Health Deputy Director  
Dr. Bernadette Albanese, Co-Medical Director  
Dr. Paul Mayer, Co-Medical Director  
Carolyn Gery, Development Officer  
Carrie Sigmon, Workforce Development Director  
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director  
Emily Maney, Strategic Initiatives Officer  
Leigh Perry, Business Operations Director  
Michelle Beyrle, Public Health Information Officer  
Pam Preston, Deputy Public Health Information Officer  
Roy Kroeger, Environmental Health Division Director

### **El Paso County staff present at Regular Session:**

Andrea Schumacher	Cara Rodriguez	Devi Almklov	Emily Barba-Jaume	Janel McNair
Kristi Durbin	Lauren Johnson-Legrand	Loni Donovan	Samantha Montmeny	Sara Kinney
Summer South				

### **Members of the public present at Regular Session:**

David Leinweber	Elise Hern	Kenneth Finn	Michael Moore	Shannon Ely
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## **Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOVED:** by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the agenda for the February 28, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Board of Health Comments**

1. Commissioner Gonzalez requested an update on the potential uptick in occurrences of Whooping Cough and Measels from non-US citizens. Dr. Albanese later addressed this in the Director's Report.
2. Commissioner Bremer commented on February being American Heart Month.
3. President Collas mentioned the recent State of the Region address and thanked the Board of County Commissioners and County staff for serving the citizens of El Paso County.

## **Approval of Minutes**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**MOVED:** by Vice President Doris Ralston, seconded by Councilmember Bremer to ratify the minutes from the January 24, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda**

No comments presented.

## **Finance and Budget**

Sara Kinney, El Paso County Public Health Budget Supervisor, presented the Emergency Preparedness and Response: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for Contract Funding contract.

1. Resolution to Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Expenditures for Contract Funding.

**MOVED:** by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice President Ralston to approve the Resolution to Recognize and Appropriate Expenditures for Contract Funding

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Resolutions**

1. Lori Seago, Senior Assistant County Attorney, El Paso County, read the Resolution to Recognize the Retirement of Shannon Ely.

**MOVED:** by Vice President Ralston, seconded by Commissioner Bremer to Approve the Resolution to Recognize the Retirement of Shannon Ely.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Lori Seago, Senior Assistant County Attorney, El Paso County, read the Resolution to Recognize the Retirement of Alonna Donovan.

**MOVED:** by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Donelson to Approve the Resolution to Recognize the Retirement of Alonna Donovan.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Lori Seago, Senior Assistant County Attorney, El Paso County, read the Resolution to Approve the Resolution to Recognize the Compensation of the Public Health Director.

**MOVED:** by Vice President Ralston, seconded by Mayor Havenar to approve the Resolution to Recognize the Compensation of the Public Health Director.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Lori Seago, Senior Assistant County Attorney, El Paso County, commented on the Public Health Director Employment Contract.
  - a) Dr. Vu requested amended verbiage be made within the Public Health Director Employment Contract to clearly indicate what steps are required and what constitutes a majority in regard to a termination process for the Public Health Executive Director.

**MOVED:** by Dr. Vu, to approve the Public Health Director Employment Contract.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **New Business**

Dr. Kenneth Finn presented on Cannabis and Opioid Use.

## **Director's Report**

Dr. Albanese, Co-Medical Director, presented on historical diseases to include Pertussis, Tuberculosis, and Measles.

### **Adjournment**

President Ted Collas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOVED:** by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Mayor Havenar to adjourn the February 28, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Adjournment at 10:48 am.

### **Next Board of Health meeting**

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

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

at Citizens Service Center

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

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