

EL PASO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

December 11, 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 December 11, 2024. Six Board of Health members were present.

Vice President Doris Ralston, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call:

Present:

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

Absent:

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 (Teams)
Dr. Paul Mayer, Co-Medical Director
Carolyn Gery, Development Officer
Dacia Hudson, Community Health Promotion Division Director
Michelle Beyrle, Strategy, Data & Communication Division Director
Summer South, Clinical Services Division Director
Michelle Guenther, Business Operations Director
Kat McGarvy, Environmental Health Division Director

El Paso County staff present at Regular Session:

Alicia Humlicek	Amanda Hamilton	Andrea Schumacher	Haley Zachary
Janel McNair	Jennifer Lange	Logan Hyder	Marigny Klaber

Members of the public present at Regular Session:

Dr. Nathaniel Riggs, Aubrie Radford

Approval of Agenda

Vice President Doris Ralston entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the December 11, 2024, Board of Health Meeting.

MOVED: by Dr. Chan, seconded by Councilmember Donelson to approve the agenda for the December 11, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Health Comments

1. Commissioner Bremer commented that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will nominate someone to replace General Jack Briggs on the Board of Health.

Approval of Minutes

Vice President Doris Ralston entertained a motion to approve the October 23, 2024, Board of Health Meeting minutes.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to ratify the minutes from the October 23, 2024, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Appreciation of Board of Health Service

The Board expressed appreciation for Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. for serving on the Board of Health for eight years. The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Commissioner Gonzalez for his eight years of service.

Resolution

Vice President Doris Ralston entertained a motion to approve the 2025 Sunshine Resolution.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Dr. Chan to approve the 2025 Sunshine Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice President Doris Ralston entertained a motion to approve the Resolution to approve the Board of Health 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Councilmember Donelson to approve the Board of Health 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance and Budget

Taylor Hartshorn, Budget Analyst, presented the November 2024 Financial Summary.

Taylor Hartshorn, Budget Analyst, presented the Resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2025 Public Health Budget.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Dr. Chan to Adopt and Appropriate the 2025 Public Health Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Contracts

Dr. Nathaniel Riggs, Executive Director of the Colorado State University Prevention Research Center, presented on the Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council Grant.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Dr. Chan to approve the Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jennifer Lange, Division Manager, Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP), presented on an additional \$198k for Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (TEPP) funding for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

MOVED: by Commissioner Gonzalez seconded by Commissioner Bremer to approve the additional TEPP funding.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Carolyn Gery, Development Officer, presented the contract for Strengthening U. S. Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the Strengthening U. S. Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Contract Renewal

Marigny Klaber, Assistant Program Manager, Communicable Disease, presented on the Colorado Epidemiology Conference contract.

MOVED: by Dr. Chan, seconded by Commissioner Bremer to approve the Colorado Epidemiology Conference contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Election of 2025 Board Officers

1. Election of 2024 Board Officers
 - a) Ted Collas was nominated as President.
 - b) Doris Ralston was nominated as Vice President.
 - c) Susan Wheelan was nominated as Secretary.
 - d) All Board members accepted the nominations. None opposed.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Dr. Chan to approve the appointment of a president, vice president and secretary for the 2025 term to the Board of Health.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lori Cleaton, El Paso County Budget Manager, presented the renewal of the Citizens Service Center Sublease Agreement.

MOVED: by Commissioner Bremer, seconded by Dr. Chan to approve the Citizen Service Center Sublease Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report

Janel McNair, Division Manager, Emergency Preparedness and Response, presented on the extreme cold weather sheltering coordination plan.

Haley Zachary, Division Manager, Communicable Disease, presented on pertussis.

Adjournment

Vice President Doris Ralston entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Dr. Chan to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment at 10:28 am.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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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