

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Snow Miller Conference Room at the Citizens Service Center 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado

President Dave Donelson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call

Present:

President Dave Donelson, Colorado Springs City Council Member Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls Hunter Barnett, MBA Cortney Salt Richard Vu, M.D.

Absent:

Vice President Doris Ralston, MPA

Present later:

Debora Chan, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG

Approval of Agenda

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the August 27, 2025, Board of Health meeting.

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BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Board Member Barnett, to approve the agenda for the August 27, 2025, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (7-0-2) Vice President Ralston and Dr. Chan, absent.

Board of Health Comments

Commissioner Geitner commented on the Governor submitting a waiver to eliminate sugary drinks from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Approval of Minutes

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the July 24, 2025, and the August 1, 2025, Board of Health meeting minutes.

BOH ACTION: moved by Dr. Chan, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to ratify the minutes from the July 24, 2025, and the August 1, 2025, Board of Health meetings.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1) Vice President Ralston, absent.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

Community Member Donna Rook spoke briefly about topics she would like to see included in our Strategic Planning.

Finance and Budget

June and July 2025 Financial Reports (Lauren Miremont, Budget Manager)

Director's Report

- a. Tuberculosis Program (Aaron Hueser, TB Program Manager)
- b. Strategic Plan Overview (Michelle Beyrle, Acting Deputy Director)
- c. 2026 Budget Development (DeAnn Ryberg, Interim Executive Director)

Executive Session

a. Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) and (f) for a conference with the County Attorney's Office for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pertaining to the recruitment and hiring of a Public Health Director; and to discuss personnel matters concerning the recruitment and hiring of a Public Health Director.

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President Donelson entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to move into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1) Vice President Ralston, absent.

The Board of Health Meeting moved into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

The Board of Health concluded Executive Session and reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

Adjournment

President Donelson adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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