



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:00 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 9:03 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call

Present:

President Dave Donelson, Colorado Springs City Council Member
Vice President Doris Ralston, MPA
Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner
Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner
Hunter Barnett, MBA
Debora Chan, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG
Cortney Salt
Richard Vu, M.D.

Absent:

None

Present later:

Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls, joined via Teams.

Approval of Agenda

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2025, Board of Health Meeting.

BOH ACTION: moved by Board Member Salt and seconded by Vice President Ralston to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2025, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

Board of Health Comments

- President Donelson expressed concern about a new drug Carfentanil, with fatal overdoses reported in Colorado Springs. Commissioner Geitner stated that the Opioid Council is aware of this and will begin wastewater testing in Colorado Springs.
- Vice President Ralston thanked Public Health staff for their hard work and wished them a happy holiday.

Approval of Minutes

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the October 22, 2025, Board of Health Meeting minutes.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner and seconded by Board Member Barnett to ratify the minutes from the October 22, 2025, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Resolutions

2026 Sunshine Resolution

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the 2026 Sunshine Resolution.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner and seconded by Vice President Ralston to approve the 2026 Sunshine Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

Resolution regarding Board of Health 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

Brief discussion ensued regarding considering a different date for the December meeting due to scheduling conflicts. President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Board of Health 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented.

BOH ACTION: moved by Board Member Salt and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the Resolution regarding the Board of Health 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

Finance and Budget

October and November 2025 Financial Summaries (Lauren Miremont, Budget Manager)

2026 Original Adopted Budget

Resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2026 Public Health Budget

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2026 Public Health Budget.

BOH ACTION: moved by Board Member Salt and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the Resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2026 Public Health Budget.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

Contracts

Renewal of Previously Approved Contract

CDC Public Health Infrastructure A2 Workforce Capabilities

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the renewal of the CDC Public Health Infrastructure A2 Workforce Capabilities Contract.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Ralston and seconded by Commissioner Geitner to approve the renewal of the CDC Public Health Infrastructure A2 Workforce Capabilities Contract.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon was absent.

New Contract

Chronic Disease Framework

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve Chronic Disease Framework Contract.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the Chronic Disease Framework Contract.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Mayor Dixon abstained.

New Business

Election of 2026 Board Officers (President and Vice President)

President

Commissioner Geitner nominated Hunter Barnett. Dr. Chan nominated Dave Donelson.

BOH ACTION: The vote for the election of Board of Health President resulted in **Vote (5-4-0)** in favor of Hunter Barnett.

Vice President

Commissioner Nelson nominated Cortney Salt. Vice President Ralston nominated Dave Donelson.

BOH ACTION: The vote for the election of Board of Health Vice President resulted in **Vote (6-3-0)** in favor of Cortney Salt.

Appointment of Interim Executive Director as Secretary

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Public Health Interim Executive Director DeAnn Ryberg as Secretary.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner and seconded by Board Member Barnett to approve the appointment of Public Health Interim Executive Director DeAnn Ryberg as Secretary

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

Renewal of CSC Sublease Agreement

President Donelson entertained a motion to approve the renewal of the CSC Sublease Agreement.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Ralston and seconded by Commissioner Geitner to approve the renewal of the CSC Sublease Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) regarding personnel matters pertaining to the annual performance review for Interim Public Health Interim Executive Director DeAnn Ryberg.

President Donelson entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner and seconded by Board Member Salt to move into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

The Board of Health Meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

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The Board of Health concluded Executive Session and reconvened at 1:39 p.m.

Adjournment

President Donelson adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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

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