BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
Snow Miller Conference Room at the Citizens Service Center
1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado

President Hunter Barnett, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call

Present:

President Hunter Barnett, MBA
Vice President Cortney Salt
Dave Donelson, Colorado Springs City Council Member
Doris Ralston, MPA
Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner
Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner
Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls
Debora Chan, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG

Absent:

None

Present later:

Richard Vu, M.D.

Approval of Agenda

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the January 28, 2026, Board of Health Meeting.

BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Board Member Ralston, to approve the agenda for the January 28, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Dr. Vu was absent.

Board of Health Comments

President Barnett commented about attending several recent Public Health events and acknowledged Interim Executive Director DeAnn Ryberg's 10-year work anniversary. Vice President Salt praised the Public Health team following a recent tour of Clinical Services. Other board members expressed appreciation to Interim Executive Director Ryberg and the Public Health team.

Approval of Minutes

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the December 10, 2025, Board of Health Meeting minutes.

Vice President Salt mentioned a necessary correction to the minutes regarding the fact that Commissioner Nelson nominated her as Vice President, not Commissioner Geitner as the minutes originally stated.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to ratify the minutes from the December 10, 2025, Board of Health meeting as amended.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments presented.

Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Devi Almklov

The Board opted to have all future retirement proclamations read by a board member rather than the County attorney as has been the practice in the past. President Barnett read and entertained a motion to approve the Proclamation regarding Devi Almkov's Retirement.

BOH ACTION: moved by President Barnett, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to approve the Proclamation regarding Devi Almklov's Retirement.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

New Business

a. Updated Dietary Guidelines (WIC Division Manager Melissa Gordon)
b. Environmental Health Regulation 43, Transfer of Title Section (Environmental Health Division Director Kat McGarvy)
c. March 2026 Board of Health Meeting Date Change

President Barnett entertained a motion to change the March Board of Health meeting date from March 25 to March 18, 2026.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Commissioner Geitner, to approve changing the March Board of Health meeting date to March 18, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(a) for the purpose of discussing the potential sale of Public Health property at 6436 S U.S. Hwy 85 87, Fountain, CO 80817.

President Barnett entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Vice President Salt, to move into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

The Board of Health Meeting moved into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.

The Board of Health concluded Executive Session and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

Adjournment

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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