



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 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 8:33 a.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call

Present:

President Hunter Barnett, MBA

Vice President Cortney Salt

Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner

Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner

Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls

Dave Donelson, Colorado Springs City Council Member

Doris Ralston, MPA

Richard Vu, M.D.

Present later:

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

Approval of Agenda

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the February 25, 2026, Board of Health Meeting.

BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Board Member Ralston, to approve the agenda for the February 25, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Dr. Chan was present later.

Board of Health Comments

Commissioner Geitner commented about recent articles regarding changes at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to public health and climate change. She also stated that we should be aware of conversations happening at the state level around joining World Health Organization (WHO).

Mayor Dixon commented about the proposed state bill that decriminalizes prostitution and the impact that could have on public health.

Approval of Minutes

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

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to ratify the minutes from the January 28, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-1). Dr. Chan was present later.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No public comments were presented.

President Barnett provided an update on the public comment process. To align with County procedures and improve meeting efficiency, El Paso County Public Health will transition away from virtual public comments during public meetings. The updated process will take effect on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

New Business

- a. Chronic Disease Update and Board Liaisons – Community Health Promotion Division Director Dacia Hudson

Commissioner Geitner and Mayor Dixon volunteered and were selected as Board Liaisons to the Chronic Disease Workgroup.

Executive Session

- a. Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on updates to the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems regulations.
- b. 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, not

specific to any individual employee, concerning the recruitment and hiring of a Public Health Director.

President Barnett entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

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

MOTION CARRIED (9-0-0).

The Board of Health Meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m.

The Board of Health concluded Executive Session and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Adjournment

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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

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