



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health 2027 Budget Work Session

Wednesday, August 6, 2026, 1 – 4 p.m.

Snow Miller Conference Room at the Citizens Service Center

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado

President Barnett, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Board of Health Member Roll Call

Present:

President Hunter Barnett, MBA

Vice President Cortney Salt

Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner

Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls

Absent:

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

Gregory Collins, D.O.

Present later:

Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner

Vacant seat(s):

Colorado Springs City Councilmember (Formerly held by Councilman Dave Donelson)

Business/Banking/Financial Professional (Formerly held by Doris Ralston)

Approval of Agenda

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the August 6, 2026, Board of Health meeting. Because a quorum was not present at the time, the purported motion and vote were of no effect.

Board of Health Comments

No comments were presented.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

No comments were presented.

President Barnett asked if the work session could proceed without a quorum. Upon previous advice from legal counsel, with no votes planned, the work session could continue. With the arrival of another board member soon after, there were five board members present for the remainder of the meeting.

2027 Budget Work Session

Executive Director Ryberg thanked board members for volunteering their time to make the work session possible. She explained that the preliminary balanced budget will be brought forward at the August 26 meeting. The purpose of the work session is to give the Board context in advance of that meeting.

ED Ryberg presented the following:

- Budget Development Timeline
- Budget Planning Assumptions
- GFOA Alignment
- How Public Health is Funded
- 2027 Preliminary Budget Revenues and Expenditures
- Financial Landscape Ahead
- Financial Stewardship
- Future Risks
- Strategic Investments

Each Division Director reviewed their division-level budgets.

ED Ryberg requested any additional feedback to be shared prior to the presentation of the preliminary balanced budget at the August 26 meeting. Board members suggested posting the very informative presentation and handouts on the website for the public.

Adjournment

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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

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