



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 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 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

Lauren Nelson, El Paso County Commissioner

Todd Dixon, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls

Gregory Collins, D.O.

Absent:

None

Present later:

Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner

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

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 26, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (5-0-4).

Dr. Chan and Commissioner Geitner present later.

Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

Board of Health Comments

No comments presented.

Approval of Minutes

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the June 24, 2026, Board of Health meeting minutes and the August 6, 2026, Board of Health 2027 Budget Work Session minutes.

BOH ACTION: moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the meeting minutes from the June 24, 2026, Board of Health meeting and the August 6, 2026, Board of Health 2027 Budget Work Session.

MOTION CARRIED (5-0-4).

Dr. Chan and Commissioner Geitner present later.

Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

Public Comment on Items not Scheduled on the Agenda

Cass Walton, representing the Suicide Prevention Partnership, and Alie Ehrensaft, representing Inside Out Youth Services, spoke about the Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup.

Roger Smith, representing “We the People,” spoke about Widefield aquifer pollution and ADA concerns at a local mobile home park.

Finance and Budget

June and July Financial Summaries (Budget Manager Lauren Miremont)

2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation (Budget Manager Lauren Miremont)

New Business

Align System Cleaner Licensing Fee Under the Onsite Wastewater Systems (OTWS) Professional Category (Kat McGarvy, Division Director, Environmental Health)

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the updated Chapter 3 fee schedule for OWTS.

BOH ACTION: moved by Dr. Chan, seconded by Dr. Collins, to approve the updated Chapter 3 fee schedule for OWTS.

MOTION CARRIED (7-0-2).

Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

Overdose Fatality Review Contract (Dacia Hudson, Division Director, Community Health Promotion)

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the Overdose Fatality Review Contract.

BOH ACTION: moved by Commissioner Geitner, seconded by Dr. Chan, to approve the Overdose Fatality Review Contract.

MOTION CARRIED (7-0-2).

Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

President Barnett explained the need to either schedule a separate session the week after the October 28 BoH meeting or reschedule the October 28 meeting to the following week to allow for the Executive Director's annual review. Board Liaison Amanda Hamilton will send a date poll to the Board.

Adjournment

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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

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