BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 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 8:36 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
Debora Chan, M.D., M.P.H., FACOG
Gregory Collins, D.O.

Absent/Excused:

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 September 23, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

BOH ACTION: Moved by Mayor Dixon, seconded by Dr. Collins, to approve the agenda for the September 23, 2026, Board of Health meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-3).

Commissioner Geitner was excused. Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

Board of Health Comments

- Hunter Barnett expressed words of appreciation for Councilmember Dave Donelson's five years of service on the Board of Health. His term ended July 1, 2026.
- Vice President Salt spoke about her visit with Community Health Promotion this month.
- Executive Director Ryberg expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present the Public Health budget to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Sept. 1.
- Dr. Chan expressed appreciation for working with Councilmember Donelson. She also spoke about the Measles outbreak in Pennsylvania and her concern for El Paso County citizens.
- Commissioner Nelson thanked Executive Director Ryberg for presenting the budget to the BoCC and stated that one of the commissioners is interested in learning more about Public Health.

Approval of Minutes

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the August 26, 2026, Board of Health meeting minutes.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Dr. Collins, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2026, Board of Health meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-3).
Commissioner Geitner was excused. 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, spoke about the Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup.
- Tac Cobb, EPC resident and septic business representative, expressed concern about certified installers repeatedly failing inspections. Environmental Health Division Director Kat McGarvy briefly explained that the recent changes to the regulations that the Board of Health approved will address that. More information will be provided for the Board.

Finance and Budget

August 2026 Financial Report (Budget Manager Lauren Miremont)

New Business

Contracts

Renewal Contract
ACC Check 10/28/26

Maternal Child Health Contract (Community Health Promotion Division Director Dacia Hudson)

President Barnett entertained a motion to approve the renewal of the Maternal Child Health Contract.

BOH ACTION: moved by Vice President Salt, seconded by Mayor Dixon, to approve the renewal of the Maternal Child Health Contract.

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-3).
Commissioner Geitner was excused. Colorado Springs City Councilmember and Business/Banking/Financial Professional seats vacant.

New Business

Update related to Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup (Community Health Promotion Division Director Dacia Hudson)

Discussion regarding Legislative Policy (Executive Director DeAnn Ryberg)

Adjournment

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Next Board of Health meeting

The next Board of Health meeting will be:
Wednesday, October 28, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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