

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
February 6, 2025 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Kalina Duncan
Michele Corigliano	Rusty Vetter
Dan Eckersley	Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Blake Nemelka	Scott Brown
Dr. Joe Mirci	Steve Chambers
Councilmember Suzanne Harrison	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Mayor Mike Weichers	Jake Fitisemanu
Mimi Shen	

GUESTS/STAFF:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Amelia Self, PH
Heather Edwards, EDO	Dorothy Adams, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Dan Moore, EH
Jeanette Montano, EDO	Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office
Jeff Smart, CH	Ron Lund, EH
Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Dan Eckersley, Chair of the Salt Lake County Board of Health.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments are limited to three minutes unless otherwise approved by the Salt Lake County Board of Health. There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Joe Mirci, seconded by Jenny Mayer-Glenn, to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, thanked board members who attended the Legislative Breakfast in January. He commented on the great turnout and high engagement. Dan also informed the Board that the Utah

Local Boards of Health Symposium is on April 8th and 9th. He encouraged all to attend. Dan also reminded the Board that on the afternoon of April 21st there is a Board Retreat in the Salt Lake area.

Dan Eckersley, Chair, notified the Board that Rylee Curtis resigned. He also welcomed Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, Steve Chambers, and Scott Brown as new board members.

Dan informed the Board of this intent to have Kalina Duncan and Michele Corigliano serve a 3rd term. Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to approve a letter to the Salt Lake County Council requesting that they approve a 3rd term for Kalina Duncan and Michele Corigliano. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to approve a letter to the Salt Lake County Council requesting that they approve a 3rd term for Kalina Duncan and Michele Corigliano.* The motion passed, indicating that all board members voting “Aye,” except for Kalina Duncan and Michele Corigliano who abstained.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Dorothy Adams, Executive Director, gave the Director’s Report.

Dorothy welcomed Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, Scott Brown and Steve Chambers to the Board. Councilmember Suzanne Harrison fulfills the County Council’s designated position on the Board. Councilmember Harrison is a physician who brings both the Council perspective and medical knowledge. Scott Brown previously served two terms on the Board and has now returned after a hiatus. Scott works for Salt Lake Community College and previously worked for the American Heart Association. He brings a great perspective on higher education and advocacy for public health. Steve Chambers works for Sutter Health which is based in Northern California. He is a lifelong resident of Utah and is excited to work on the board, connecting his work for a health care system and public health.

Dorothy thanked the board members that participated in the Legislative breakfast held January 7th. She mentioned the department has hosted this breakfast for 10 years and it is an opportunity for legislators to share bills they will be sponsoring. They can also learn what resources the department has as they navigate the many topics before the legislature. She told the board that 10 legislators attended.

Dorothy reminded the board members about surveillance dashboards available on the Health Department’s website, which track respiratory illness prevalence in the community. To date, flu rates remain elevated compared to last year, with outpatient visits increasing. Both COVID and RSV rates are below what the county saw last year so far.

Dorothy mentioned the federal funding emails that were circulated last week caused concern among the Health Department’s workforce. Dorothy said that in a meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) this week, who is one of the Health Department’s major funders, DHHS said that it is business as usual until they hear differently. Dorothy told the Board that with this news, the Health Department’s leadership team went through an exercise of determining the Health Department’s costs for 90 days of operation without federal funding. For 90 days without federal dollars, the cost to our department would roughly be \$6 million. A third of the Department’s revenue comes from either direct federal funding or pass-through dollars from the state.

Dorothy informed that Board that she sent information out to staff based on communications from the state about the possibility of visits from agents questioning immigration status of clients in WIC specifically. To provide staff with clarity Dorothy worked with the DA's office and Human Services to craft speaking points and procedural steps if staff encounter agents in clinics, outreach events, and in home-visitation spaces and inspections.

Dorothy reminded the Board that the legislative session started on January 21st. Jill Parker with the Utah Association of Local Health Departments will provide an overview of the tracker that she and her staff maintain.

Dorothy informed that Board that the department will be recruiting to fill Tom Hudachko's previous position and the open Fiscal Manager position.

Dorothy informed the Board that she has started to meet with cities to reacquaint communities with the Health Department. She attended a series of meetings with Cottonwood Heights, including meeting with their Council. She will be meeting with their police department and code enforcement officers over the next two weeks to explain the work of the department and provide resource information

Dorothy invited the Board to attend the Health Department's next annual meeting on May 16th.

UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF 2025 BOARD OFFICERS:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, informed the Board that this agenda item will be deferred to a future meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST & OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, presented training on Ethics & Conflict of Interest. She presented a PowerPoint. Her slides included:

- Salt Lake County Board of Health Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Training
- Ethics
- Ethics and Conflicts: Who must comply and with what?
- What Constitutes a Conflict of Interest?
- Specific Conflicts of Interest
- Disclosure Statement
- When to Recuse?
- Other Prohibitions
- Potential Penalties
- Questions?

For a copy of the presented material, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, also presented training on Open & Public Meetings Act. She presented a PowerPoint. Her slides included:

- Open & Public Meetings Act Training
- Rule and Purpose

- The Open and Public Meetings Act Governs:
- What is a Meeting?
- Predetermining Public Body
- Electronic Meetings
- Electronic Meetings without Anchor Location
- When Can a Meeting be Closed?
- Process to Close a Meeting
- Public Notice Requirements
- Emergency Meetings
- Requirements for Recorded Meetings
- Requirements Related to Meeting Minutes
- Violations of Open and Public Meetings Act
- Questions?

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Jill Parker, Executive Director, Utah Association of Local Health Departments, gave an update on the legislative session. She highlighted a few bills including:

- HB0294, Infectious Disease Procedural Amendments, Rep. MacPherson
- HB0414, Raw Milk Amendments, Rep. Acton
- SB172, Local Health Department Amendments, Sen. Sandall

The Utah Association of Local Health Department's bill tracker can be found here:

<https://ualhd.org/legislative-watch-list/>

Dr. Joe Mirci informed the Board that he is personally opposed to HB0081, Fluoride Amendments. He said he believes the studies mentioned are out of context, there is health benefit to having fluoride in the water and that populations will negatively be affected if fluoride is removed from drinking water. Dr. Mirci noted that this bill does have leadership support and will likely pass. The group discussed the need for data collection moving forward about fluoride and its impact.

Dan Eckersley, Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 AM.