

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
April 3, 2025 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Councilmember Suzanne Harrison
Michele Corigliano	Rusty Vetter
Jenny Mayer-Glenn	Steve Chambers
Scott Brown	Dr. Joe Mirci

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE

Jake Fitisemanu	Mayor Mike Weichers
Kalina Duncan	Dan Eckersley

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Blake Nemelka	Mimi Shen
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GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Ron Lund, EH
Dorothy Adams, EDO	Jeanette Montano, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Amelia Self, PH
Nicholas Rupp, EDO	Andrew Driggs, EDO
Jona Nusink Currey, CS	Kami Peterson, EDO
Heather Edwards, EDO	Dan Moore, EH

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office
Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office	Fox 13 News
Jen Puder, PH	

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Rusty Vetter, 2nd 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:

Rusty Vetter, 2nd Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2025, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to approve*

the minutes from the March 6, 2025, Board of Health meeting. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Rusty Vetter, 2nd Chair, reminded the Board that the Utah Local Boards of Health Symposium is on April 8th and 9th for those who registered. Rusty also reminded the Board that the Board Retreat will be held on the afternoon of April 21st at the Red Butte Garden classroom. Rusty noted that the Board is invited to the Climate Symposium on April 29th which is hosted by the Salt Lake County Health Department. He also emphasized that board members are invited to attend the Health Department’s Annual Meeting on May 16th at the Viridian Event Center.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

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

Celebrating Staff Excellence:

- Andrew Driggs was introduced as the new Fiscal Manager. With a decade at the State Auditor’s Office, his auditing expertise is expected to strengthen the department’s fiscal operations.
- Alina Arutyunyan, a Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) nurse, received national recognition as one of five National Home Visitors of the Year out of 20,000 candidates. Her 99% retention rate (vs. a national average of 36%) and deep personal impact on clients were highlighted.

Vaccination and Public Health Updates:

- Salt Lake County received 500 free MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine doses from the state in response to national measles outbreaks.
- Outreach efforts are focusing on schools and ZIP codes with high exemption rates to improve herd immunity, which is especially important given the contagious nature of measles.
- Outreach includes collaboration with school nurses, with an emphasis on back-to-school readiness and education.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) & Program Funding Crisis:

- Sudden termination of ARPA “PPP” funding resulted in the loss of support for 17 health department staff positions (including 10 CHWs) and 13 contracts with community-based organizations (CBOs).
- Emotional testimonies highlighted the life-saving work CHWs perform, such as preventing suicide and detecting early-stage cancer through outreach and navigation assistance.
- The department successfully pivoted 14 positions to other grants (ending June–July), but the work scope is changing.

Fluoride Update:

- Fluoride will be removed from water systems on May 7 due to legislative changes.
- Discussion is underway to track oral health outcomes over time through indicators like extractions, fluoride prescriptions, and dental visit billing codes, with a potential focus on children under 10 years.
- Interest was expressed in annual reporting to monitor trends and education efforts about fluoride tablet access and use.

HEALTH REGULATION #38:

Dan Moore, Enforcement Coordinator, updated the Board on Health Regulation #38, *Certificate of School Employee Immunization Requirements*, and asked the Board to open the regulation for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign a hearing officer. Rusty Vetter, 2nd Chair, asked for a motion to open the regulation for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign Dr. Bill Cosgrove as the hearing officer. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Michele Corigiliano, to open Regulation #38 for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign Dr. Bill Cosgrove as the hearing officer.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

SOURCE PROTECTION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Division Director, informed the board of the need to replace a committee member in the Source Protection Technical Advisory Committee to hear a drinking source protection appeal. He asked that the board approve Matthias Neville as the Environmental Health Division representative, replacing Fuaad Hararah due to a scheduling conflict.

- Board of Health—Rusty Vetter (volunteered)
- Planning and Development Services Division—Jon Lange
- Public Water System—Eric Hawkes
- Division of Drinking Water—Melissa Nobles
- Municipality with extra-territorial jurisdiction—Teresa Gray
- Environmental Health Division—Fuaad Hararah to be replaced by Matthias Neville

Rusty Vetter, Chair, requested a motion to approve the revised listed committee members to hear a drinking source protection appeal. *A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Rusty Vetter, to approve the revised listed committee members to hear a drinking source protection appeal.* The motion passed, indicating that all board members present voting “Aye.”

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OVERVIEW:

Ron Lund, Environmental Health Director, gave an overview of the Environmental Health Division. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed

- Air Quality
- Food Protection
- Sanitation & Safety
- Water and Hazardous Waste
- Tobacco Permitting and Enforcement
- 24-Hour Environmental Response

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

CLINICAL SERVICES OVERVIEW:

This agenda item was not covered due to time constraints and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Rust Vetter, 2nd Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.