

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
June 5, 2025 – 7:30 AM
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Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove
Kalina Duncan
Dan Eckersley
Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Adonis Hardeman

Councilmember Suzanne Harrison
Rusty Vetter
Jake Fitisemanu
Dr. Joe Mirci

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE

Blake Nemelka
Dr. Carol Osborn

Mayor Mike Weichers
Steve Chambers

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Michele Corigliano

Scott Brown

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Dorothy Adams, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO
Nicholas Rupp, EDO
Jona Nusink Currey, CS
Matthias Neville, EH
Scott McKane, Fox 13
Eric Brown, Fox 13

Dan Moore, EH
Jeanette Montano, EDO
Amelia Self, PH
Andrew Driggs, EDO
Kami Peterson, EDO
Eric Peterson, EH
Jeff Smart, CH
Daniel Cottom

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Kelly Colopy, Human Services
Heather Edwards, EDO

Erin Litvack, 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 May 1, 2025, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to approve*

the minutes from the May 1, 2025, Board of Health meeting. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, welcomed new board members Adonis Hardeman and Dr. Carol Osborn. He also noted that the Health Department’s annual meeting was held in May. He complimented Dr. Cosgrove on his presentation as well as the Health Department team for their excellent work.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

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

Dorothy began by thanking everyone who attended the Health Department’s Annual Meeting in May. She expressed regret at missing it due to illness. It was her first absence in 38 years with the department, but she shared her appreciation for the team’s outstanding work and extended special thanks to Dr. Cosgrove. She noted that feedback on the meeting was overwhelmingly positive, particularly how well the two presentations built on one another.

She also welcomed the new Board members, thanking them for their willingness to serve. She specifically acknowledged Adonis Hardeman for attending despite being confirmed only days earlier.

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Dorothy provided an update on the Community Health Assessment:

- The department began the CHA last year in partnership with CommonSpirit.
- Additional input has been gathered through focus groups with Intermountain Health and the University of Utah.
- These conversations have provided helpful community perspectives on the data.
- This feedback will inform the implementation plan and help prioritize community health needs.
- The Healthy Salt Lake dashboard is being updated to reflect the CHA findings and implementation plan.
- While the process is time-intensive, Dorothy emphasized the importance of doing it thoughtfully.

Federal Budget Outlook

Dorothy discussed the recently released federal Health and Human Services budget proposal:

- While not yet approved, the proposal includes significant reductions across CDC-funded programs and possible full eliminations of some.
- SLCoHD is working with the state and other local health departments to:
 - Prioritize program areas internally.
 - Develop contingency plans for reduced funding.
- SLCoHD is strategically holding tax-funded positions to allow flexibility in responding to grant reductions.

Community Health Center Lease Termination

Due to budget cuts, Community Health Centers (CHC) has terminated their lease at the 610 South 200 East location where they have leased space in that building. The department is working with Salt Lake County Real Estate to identify potential new partners for the vacant space.

City Engagement & Community Coalitions

Dorothy reported on recent efforts to meet with cities across the county to strengthen partnerships and increase awareness of health department services:

- Recent meetings were held with Midvale City and Millcreek City.
- Staff attendees included Nick Rupp, Heather Edwards, and Alysa Stuart (Community Coalition Chair for Midvale's UPLIFT).
- Millcreek is pursuing the "Communities That Care" coalition model.
- SLCoHD currently supports 18 active community coalitions countywide.

Fluoride and Oral Health Monitoring

Dorothy participated in a fluoride-related meeting with University Neighborhood Partners, University of Utah Dental School, American and Utah Dental Associations and board member Scott Brown. The group discussed monitoring oral health outcomes following the removal of fluoride and brainstormed future approaches.

Measles Surveillance and Outreach

As of last Friday, more than 1,000 measles cases have been reported across 33 states. Dorothy shared details on a recent measles case involving a vaccinated traveler who flew into Salt Lake International Airport and drove to Idaho:

- The traveler did not stop in Utah on their drive.
- Education was provided to airline passengers sharing the same flight.
- After consultation with state epidemiologist Dr. Nolan and SLCoHD's medical director Dr. Dunn, the exposure risk was deemed extremely low and public notification was not warranted.
- Key concern was avoiding panic due to limited supply of immune globulin.

The department continues to promote MMR vaccination, especially ahead of summer travel:

- In May, SLCoHD held 29 outreach events with 150 MMR vaccinations administered.
- Since March, SLCoHD has held 63 outreach events with nearly 350 MMR vaccinations administered.
- MMR messaging has also been shared on social media platforms in recent weeks.

Future Funding and Partnerships

In response to a board member question, Dorothy confirmed that SLCoHD is exploring public-private partnerships to address potential funding gaps:

- The CHA will serve as a foundation to identify countywide health priorities.
- The department is in discussions with Intermountain Health and the University of Utah to align strategies and funding.
- A Medical Advisory Committee is being formed to clarify partner roles and collaboratively identify sustainable support for health services.

Dr. Osborn inquired whether the department has promoted general MMR awareness. Nicholas Rupp, SLCoHD's Communication's Manager, confirmed that outreach messaging has been posted in recent weeks to coincide with summer travel.

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION APPEAL:

Rusty Vetter, 1st Chair, informed the Board that there was an appeal of a decision that the Health Department made for the use of a septic system in Immigration Canyon. Matthias Neville gave a PowerPoint presentation referencing Salt Lake County Ordinance 9.25, including details about the Technical Advisory Committee and specific information received in the appeal packet for 145 Skycrest Lane. He also gave the committee's recommendation.

Matthias said that the committee met and reviewed the information and recommended denial for use of the proposed septic system based on the following considerations:

1. Salt Lake County Ordinance 9.25 does not differentiate between conventional and alternative septic systems; it strictly prohibits septic systems in zones 1 and 2.
2. While there are already several homes within zone 2, the risk of adding another septic system is too great due to the pollutant load around the well.
3. The aquifer is classified as unprotected, according to the Division of Drinking Water, meaning it does not have the safety of a protective clay layer and is less than 100 feet deep.
4. There is not any data to show if the Busse system filters out chemicals from the effluent which could impact the aquifer.
5. Salt Lake County Ordinance 9.25 was written with the purpose of protecting groundwater and any new point sources around the well could impact water quality.
6. This is for a new build, not an existing home.

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

Dan Eckersley, Chair, requested a motion to approve the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee's recommendation in the matter of 145 Skycrest Lane. *A motion was made by Adonis Hardeman, seconded by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, to approve the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee's recommendation in the matter of 145 Skycrest Lane.* The motion passed, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye." Michele Corigliano and Scott Brown were not present for the vote.

HEALTH REGULATION #38:

Dan Moore, Enforcement Coordinator, reviewed the results of the public comment period and public hearing held for Health Regulation #38, *Certificate of School Employee Immunization Requirements*, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed amendments. Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. *A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Adonis Hardeman, to adopt the proposed amendments to Regulation #38.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

MEDICAL ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE:

Dorothy Adams revisited a previous idea discussed last year regarding the re-establishment of a Medical Advisory Committee to improve coordination between the Health Department and external healthcare systems and community-based organizations. She noted that such a committee existed 15–

20 years ago and offered valuable perspectives on community needs and service gaps. The proposed structure would include quarterly meetings and would help formalize connections, especially as staff turnover can result in lost relationships and knowledge.

The purpose of the committee would be to:

- Identify essential partner organizations to engage with regularly.
- Facilitate information sharing and coordination.
- Discuss emerging issues, programmatic changes, and resource limitations.

She asked for volunteers to serve on a board subcommittee and be part of the larger Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. Bill Cosgrove, Dr. Carol Osborn, Adonis Hardeman and Steve Chambers volunteered. Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to appoint those members to the Medical Advisory Subcommittee. *A motion was made by Kalina Duncan, seconded by Rusty Vetter, to appoint Dr. Bill Cosgrove, Dr. Carol Osborn, Adonis Hardeman and Steve Chambers to the Medical Advisory Subcommittee.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Board is moving forward with identifying representatives to collaborate with the Health Department’s Employee Recognition Committee. The goal is to establish criteria and a process for a Board of Health-issued employee award. This idea originated from the recent Board retreat and was well-received to support staff recognition efforts.

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for volunteers to collaborate with the Health Department’s Employee Recognition Committee. Dan Eckersley and Kalina Duncan volunteered. *A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Dr. Joe Mirci, to appoint Dan Eckersley and Kalina Duncan to the Employee Recognition Subcommittee.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

JUNE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Andrew Driggs, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the 2025 June budget adjustments. He reviewed:

- Budget Briefing Memo
- Adjusted Budget Agency
- Fund Balance Projection

A motion was made by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, to approve the proposed 2025 June budget adjustments. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted “Aye.”

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EXPLORING LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS PRESENTATION:

Participants in the Health Department's Exploring Leadership in Public Health Program (ELPH) gave an overview of their experience in the program, with Lisa Nokes giving a summary of the program.

They gave a combined PowerPoint presentation. The slides highlighted their projects:

- What is the ELPH Program?
- Why the ELPH Program?
- ELPH Participants
- Seth Christensen (4)
- Sarah Widney (5)
- McKenna Hannigan (2)
- Luis Trejo-Rivera (4)

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Dan Eckersley, Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.