

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
September 4, 2025 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

Phone: 1-213-306-3065
Access Code: 2492 044 3966
Meeting Password: 1025

BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:

Jake Fitisemanu	Blake Nemelka
Adonis Hardeman	

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Mayor Karen Lang

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Kami Peterson, CS
Jeanette Montano, EDO	Jeff Smart, CH
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Dan Moore, EH
Andrew Driggs, EDO	Laura Briefer, SLC Public Utilities
Ron Lund, EH	Ed Kosnicki, SLC Public Utilities

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office	Heather Edwards, EDO
Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Amelia Self, PH
Nicholas Rupp, EDO	

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 August 7, 2025, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Joe Mirci, seconded by Kalina Duncan, to*

approve the minutes from the August 7, 2025, Board of Health meeting. The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, noted that Dr. Bill Cosgrove, Steve Chambers, and Scott Brown are attending the National Association of Local Boards of Health Conference in early October. Dan also mentioned that the Board of Health Employee Recognition Subcommittee is working on connecting with health department employees to work on the Board issued employee recognition award.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

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

Board Priorities and Engagement

Dorothy noted that the department continues to align work with the Board’s priorities set in the spring. She shared that the next Town Hall is scheduled in the coming weeks and will include time for Board introductions. Board member spotlights will also appear in upcoming weekly staff updates. Work is underway to develop a Board-issued staff recognition award.

Community Coalitions and Advisory Committees

Dorothy reported ongoing participation in local coalitions and said Stephanie will share coalition contact information with Board members. She noted that the Medical Advisory Committee now has a meeting date and will focus on identifying partners and aligning shared priorities.

Access to Health Coverage

Dorothy shared that navigators from the Utah Health Policy Project connected with 739 individuals during Q2 2025, resulting in 79 insurance applications, about half of which led to coverage.

Employee Pulse Survey

Dorothy reported that the annual employee pulse survey received about 250 responses (60% of staff). Results are available on an internal dashboard, and the department is considering conducting the survey twice per year.

Electronic Medical Record Transition

Dorothy noted that the new electronic medical record system went live on September 16, following a transition period that began earlier in the month.

Immunizations and Vaccine Guidance

Dorothy reported that the state anticipates providing a similar number of free flu vaccines for uninsured adults that they received in 2024, but do not anticipate free adult COVID-19 doses. COVID-19 doses through the Vaccines for Children program are expected, pending ACIP guidance. She noted that if the department purchases adult COVID-19 vaccine, costs would be about \$100 per dose and reimbursement is uncertain. The department is exploring funding opportunities to support vaccine access.

Communicable Disease Updates

Dorothy reported a significant increase in MMR vaccine demand, with Salt Lake County seeing a

174% increase in June. Utah currently has 15 confirmed measles cases, none have been reported in Salt Lake County.

WIC Program

Dorothy noted a 2% decrease in WIC participation in August 2025 compared to August 2024. She shared that the department received an additional \$500,000 in funding, which will offset most of the county tax dollars budgeted for the WIC program.

Fees and Budget

Dorothy reported that the fee updates approved by the Board have passed the Revenue Review Committee and are moving to County Council for consideration.

Space Optimization and Revenue

Dorothy shared that STI services are being relocated to a smaller clinic space at the Salt Lake Public Health Center, preserving TB services and freeing the larger upstairs space for lease. The University of Utah has expressed interest, and occupancy is anticipated early next year.

Community and City Engagement

Dorothy reported meeting with Draper City leadership, serving as a key leader with the South Salt Lake Cares Coalition, and presenting to the Council of City Councils — all of which generated strong discussions about local public health needs.

HEALTH REGULATION #21:

Dan Moore, Enforcement Coordinator, updated the Board on Health Regulation #21, *Community Noise Pollution Control*, and asked the Board to open the regulation for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign a hearing officer. *A motion was made by Michele Corigliano, seconded by Scott Brown, to open Regulation #21 for a thirty (30) day public comment period and assign Scott Brown as the hearing officer.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

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

2026 BUDGET:

Andrew Driggs, Health Department Fiscal Manager, updated the Board on the 2026 Budget. He presented a PowerPoint presentation. His slides included:

- 2026 Budget Request
- 2025 Budget Projection
- 2026 Budget Summary
- Operations True-up Request
- Itemized Requests
- Department Stress Test
- 2025-26 Federal Grant Funding Status
- Health Fund Balance

- Strategies for Healthy Fund Balance
- Questions?

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the budget proposal and forward it to the Mayor's Office for consideration. *A motion was made by Michele Corigliano, seconded by Scott Brown, to approve the 2026 budget proposal and forward it to the Mayor's Office for consideration.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Board members present voted "Aye."

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW OF WATERSHED:

This information was not presented due to time constraints.

SALT LAKE WATERSHED PROGRAMS:

Laura Briefer, Director, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, gave an overview of Salt Lake City Municipal Watersheds. She gave a PowerPoint Presentation. Her slides included:

- Our Responsibilities as a Water Provider
- Salt Lake City's Municipal Watersheds
- Wasatch Watersheds- Foundation of our Water Supply
- City Creek Canyon: From Typhoid to Rehabilitation
- Watershed Rehabilitation in the Cottonwood Canyons Mining, Deforestation, and the "Runoff Flu"
- 1974 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act
- Managing Our Watersheds to Protect Our Water
- Addressing Future Watershed Conditions
- Thank You/Contact Information

Link included in PowerPoint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LdIF1xScAk&feature=youtu.be>

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

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