

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

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Dr. Bill Cosgrove	Scott Brown
Kalina Duncan	Rusty Vetter
Dan Eckersley	Carol Osborn
Michele Corigliano	Adonis Hardeman

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:

Councilmember Suzanne Harrison	Jake Fitisemanu
Dr. Joe Mirci	Mayor Karen Lang
Steve Chambers	Jenny Mayer-Glenn
Blake Nemelka	

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Amelia Self, PH	Heather Edwards, EDO
Jenny Robertson, PH	Eric Peterson, EH
Dan Moore, EH	Jorge Mendez, EH
Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.	Andrew Driggs, EDO
Stephanie Hart, EDO	Jeff Smart, CH
Jeanette Montano, EDO	

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office
Kelly Colopy, Human Services Director

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 October 2, 2025, Board of Health meeting. *A motion was made by Dr. Bill Cosgrove, seconded by Adonis Hardeman, to approve the amended minutes from the October 2, 2025, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Dan Eckersley reported that the Board of Health employee award is ready to launch and that nominations will begin in January. The first award will be presented at the Health Department's Annual Meeting in March and the second will be presented at a future Board of Health meeting. He noted that this award resulted from an idea discussed at the Board's spring retreat.

Dan also informed the Board that the 2026 Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for January 6 at 7:30 a.m., and that the Health Department's Annual Meeting will be held on March 20. Calendar invitations will be sent for both events.

Dan invited any Board members interested in serving on the Executive Committee to contact him, Vice Chair Rusty Vetter, or 2nd Vice Chair Kalina Duncan. He also informed the Board that they would have an opportunity to provide input on the annual performance evaluation of Executive Director Dorothy Adams; evaluation materials will be sent via email in the first week of December.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Dorothy Adams provided an overview of recent department activities, public health issues, and fiscal developments. She briefly highlighted the recent National Association of Local Boards of Health conference and invited attending Board members—Steve Chambers, Scott Brown, and Dr. Cosgrove—to share their experiences.

Public Health Issues and Outbreaks

Dorothy informed the Board that Salt Lake County had one probable case of Measles. Dorothy responded to questions about the department's authority to issue quarantine or isolation orders, explaining that individual quarantine is still allowed but requires a judicial order if a person does not comply voluntarily.

She reported on the national Listeria outbreak, which has resulted in 25 hospitalizations and six deaths, including one Utah case linked to the outbreak. The department continues to share public information to increase awareness. Flu levels remain consistent with last year, while COVID-19 vaccine uptake is significantly lower than in previous seasons. Dorothy also noted ongoing concerns about the syphilis outbreak, particularly among pregnant women, and highlighted late-night outreach efforts underway with partner agencies to reach unhoused women for testing and treatment.

Federal Funding and WIC Program

Dorothy provided an update on WIC funding amid federal government uncertainty. Initial guidance required a 35% reduction in operational costs; however, additional national funding was secured, allowing the program to continue through November. She reaffirmed that the department is committed to avoiding furloughs but noted that prolonged instability would strain the health fund.

Community Events and Environmental Response

Dorothy shared that Intermountain Health donated \$10,000 to support free COVID-19 vaccinations. She also highlighted the Paws for Prevention event, which SLCoHD held with state and local partners, providing over 100 flu vaccines, 44 COVID-19 vaccines, and more than 300 pet immunizations.

Environmental Health responded to significant incidents, including Rose Park flooding that required ten days of hazardous waste pickups and a sewer line collapse in Draper that necessitated restaurant closures and a full-day emergency response in coordination with Jordan Basin Sewer District and UDOT.

Program Updates and Recognition

The Parents as Teachers program achieved Blue Ribbon Affiliate status with a 90% compliance score. Home visitation programs continue to perform strongly, including the Nurse-Family Partnership team.

Budget and Fiscal Outlook

Dorothy reported that the department is requesting reinstatement of the 2019 health tax rate, which had been reduced in recent years, resulting in a \$4 million revenue loss. The Mayor's Office has approved the request, and it is now under County Council review. Dorothy noted that the health fund is nearing its statutory minimum and emphasized ongoing efforts to improve efficiencies, adjust fees to reflect service costs, and protect access to essential public health services.

BUSINESS MEETING DATE CHANGE:

Dan Eckersley, Chair, asked for a motion to change the annually scheduled business meeting to December 2025 instead of January 2026. *A motion was made by Adonis Hardeman, seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, to change the business meeting to December 4, 2025.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted "Aye."

HEALTH REGULATION #21:

Dan Moore, Enforcement Coordinator, reviewed the results of the public comment period and public hearing held for Health Regulation #21: Community Noise Pollution Control on October 15, 2025, and asked the Board to adopt the proposed regulation. Dan Eckersley asked for a motion to adopt the amendments to Health Regulation #21: Community Noise Pollution Control. *A motion was made by Scott Brown, seconded by Dr. William Cosgrove, to adopt the amendments to Health Regulation #21 Community Noise Pollution Control.* The motion passed unanimously, showing that all board members present voted "Aye."

For a copy of the regulation information, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

HEALTHY SALT LAKE DASHBOARD:

Jenny Robertson, Epidemiology Supervisor, reviewed the Healthy Salt Lake Dashboard. She provided PowerPoint presentation that walked through the dashboard at healthsaltlake.org. Overall highlights included the new community driven design, building a custom dashboard, early engagement highlights, and looking ahead at the future of the dashboard.

Please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder for a copy of the presentation.

BOARD ENGAGEMENT IN FIVE-YEAR PRIORITIES:

Kalina Duncan, 2nd Vice Chair, led a discussion revisiting the Health Department's five-year goals and priorities and the areas the Board previously identified for their involvement and support at the

April Board retreat and the September meet-and-greet with elected officials. She noted this has been a highly engaged year for the Board, including increased in-person meeting attendance and participation in staff town halls and the Health Department's Annual Meeting. Board members reviewed the documents included in the packet: the five-year goals with corresponding Board support roles and the summary of themes and next steps from the September meet-and-greet.

Kalina highlighted several examples of Board contributions to advancing these priorities, including Board member attendance at staff events, development of a new Board recognition award for health department staff (to be awarded twice yearly beginning in the spring), and efforts to connect Board members with community coalitions. The group discussed incorporating regular coalition updates into the Director's report, continuing to invite community partners to present at Board meetings (such as Guadalupe School/Center), and mapping Board members' connections to other committees and organizations to better leverage those networks. They also discussed the recent Deseret News op-ed authored by the Board and the need to share it more broadly, including linking it on the Board of Health webpage.

Kalina noted that the Board has not yet prioritized specific actionable items from the September meet-and-greet themes for the next 12 months and suggested members review those notes before a future discussion to identify concrete next steps. Dorothy Adams emphasized that the annual meeting in March and a potential Board retreat in April will be key opportunities for Board members to provide feedback from the communities and sectors they represent and to help shape future Board priorities.

For a copy of referenced priorities, please see documentation in the Board of Health meeting folder.

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