

SALT LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
August 6, 2026 – 7:30 AM
County Government Center, N2-800
Minutes

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BOARD MEMBERS IN-PERSON:

Ben Helland
Scott Brown
Dr. Carol Osborn
Mayor Karen Lang
Dr. Joe Mirci

Steve Chambers
Dr. William Cosgrove
Councilmember Suzanne Harrison
Jake Fitisemanu

BOARD MEMBERS ONLINE:

Jorge Fierro
Kalina Duncan
Dan Eckersley

Adonis Hardeman
Rusty Vetter

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jenny Mayer-Glenn

GUESTS/STAFF IN-PERSON:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Jeanette Montano, EDO
Annie George, PH
Patrick Smith, EDO
Amelia Self, PH

Stephanie Hart, EDO
Jenny Robertson, PH
Jeff Smart, CH
Dorothy Adams, EDO

GUESTS/STAFF ONLINE:

Erin Litvack, Mayor's Office
Katherine Fife, Mayor's Office
Heather Edwards, EDO
Jen Puder, PH
Thomas Kidd, PH
Doug Castillo, EDO
Anni McKinnon, PH

Kelly Colopy, Human Services
Fox 13
Michelle McGaughey, PH
Kami Peterson, CS
Nicholas Rupp, EDO
Maria Chavez, PH

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

Steve Chambers, Second Chair, asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2026, Board of Health meeting. *Councilmember Suzanne Harrison made a motion, seconded by Ben Helland, to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2026, Board of Health meeting.* The motion passed unanimously, indicating that all board members present voted “Aye.”

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Steve Chambers, Second Chair, gave the report.

Steve Chambers reported that one board member spot remains available to attend the National Association of Local Boards of Health Conference in San Antonio, Texas, with travel dates of October 11–14. Interested board members were asked to contact Stephanie as soon as possible so travel arrangements can be made. He noted that Dorothy would provide an overview of the spring Board retreat during the Director’s Report and discuss how it connects to the Community Health Assessment, including the possibility of forming a Board subcommittee to help advance identified priorities. Board members were also invited to attend the Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) Town Hall virtually on August 26 and reminded that they are welcome to participate in staff ride-alongs or other opportunities to learn more about SLCoHD programs and services.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Fiscal/Budget Update

Dorothy Adams introduced Patrick Smith, the Department’s new Fiscal Manager, who began in mid-June and has been working with Yanping Ding on the 2027 budget process. Division budget submissions are being reviewed, and proposed fee changes will go through the County Revenue Review Committee before being presented to the Board. SLCoHD is scheduled to present its budget to the Mayor on August 27, with the proposed budget and fee information coming to the Board of Health in September.

Care Facility Emergency Response

Dorothy Adams reported on a recent response to a care facility that had been without air conditioning for more than a week, creating potentially unsafe temperatures for medically vulnerable residents. Although the state is the licensing authority for the facility, SLCoHD staff, along with the SST Coalition and other partners, assisted in the response. Staff monitored temperatures and worked with the state, local fire department, and other partners until the air conditioning issue was resolved. Adams noted that the incident demonstrated the importance of strong partnerships and having local public health staff available to respond quickly.

Epidemiology Update

Annie George, Epidemiology Supervisor, provided an update on current communicable and vector-borne disease concerns. She reported a campylobacter outbreak with seven cases statewide, including three in Salt Lake County, potentially linked to homemade queso fresco or queso blanco.

George also reviewed the national cyclosporiasis outbreak, noting that confirmatory testing remains challenging and that recalled iceberg lettuce associated with the outbreak was not distributed in Utah. Utah has reported 48 cases since May 1, including 20 in Salt Lake County.

George discussed the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. Salt Lake County is monitoring low-risk travelers returning from affected countries for 21 days and has conducted 59 monitoring events, with six currently active.

George also reported a case of Tularemia involving a teenager who participated in a pioneer trek at Mosida Lodge. Potentially exposed groups were notified, and no additional cases have been identified.

Finally, George reported increased West Nile virus activity, with 547 positive mosquito pools statewide and 103 in Salt Lake County. One human case has been reported in Salt Lake County, and positive mosquito pools are increasingly being detected in urban areas.

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Measles Update

Dorothy Adams provided an update on measles preparedness. SLCoHD recently met with school districts to review response procedures and resources and hopes to continue those discussions quarterly. She also noted a decrease in immunizations and plans for additional MMR education and outreach.

Adams also discussed a proposed regulatory change for Health Regulation #38 that would expand the regulation to include daycare facilities. A draft is being shared with impacted facilities for feedback and is expected to come before the Board.

Community Resource Fair

Adams reported that a community resource fair is scheduled for August 29 at the Department's City Clinic. The event brings together providers and resources for vulnerable populations and had strong attendance the previous year.

EV Assistance Program

Adams provided an update on the EV assistance program, which began in mid-June. The Department has \$1.4 million available for the program in 2026 as part of a \$5 million grant, with qualifying participants eligible for up to \$10,000 toward an electric vehicle. Due to the high volume of applications, the program has temporarily stopped accepting applications while current applications are processed. The program may reopen if funding remains after eligibility determinations are completed.

Environmental Health Updates

Adams reported that Environmental Health staff are working with a residential complex, its water system, and property owners following a positive Legionella test. Staff also assisted state agencies and contractors with cleanup following the Victory Road fire near Memory Grove. A large number of dead bats were also reported at an apartment complex and were believed to be associated with extreme summer heat.

Swimming Pool Safety

Adams reported that the swimming pool near a school that had previously been brought to the Department's attention by Councilmember Harrison has now been fenced. Although the pool had a

cover, it did not meet Health Department regulatory requirements as an alternative to fencing. The property owner cooperated with the Department to resolve the issue.

Illegal Food Vendors

Adams noted that illegal food vendors continue to be a challenge. SLCoHD is working with local law enforcement, code enforcement, businesses, and other partners to determine how best to address the issue, which is also occurring in other communities nationally.

Parents as Teachers

Dorothy recognized the Parents as Teachers program for its recent annual performance fidelity review. The program scored above 90 percent on every measure and continues to be one of the highest-performing programs in the country. She commended staff for their work and the resources they provide to families through home visitation services.

Strategic Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan

Dorothy reported that the Department is updating its strategic plan and working to align it with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and priorities identified through the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Roshi Khalili has been hired to help develop the CHIP implementation plan and coordinate with communities and healthcare partners to build on existing efforts and improve health outcomes. Dorothy connected this work to the Board's April retreat and discussed opportunities for the Board to help advance CHA priorities, including community engagement and potentially forming a subcommittee. Board members will also provide input as part of the strategic planning process.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW:

Jenny Robertson, Population Health Analytics Supervisor, presented findings from the Community Health Assessment (CHA), which incorporated community input, partner engagement, and existing data. The assessment identified four primary areas of concern: mental health, housing, food insecurity, and access to care. Robertson emphasized that these issues are interconnected and that residents experience significant differences in access to resources and opportunities across Salt Lake County.

Robertson discussed next steps through the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Roshi Khalili, CHA/CHIP Coordinator, will lead efforts to refine priorities, identify community strengths and partnerships, and align efforts across the Health Department and community. The Board was encouraged to consider how it can support CHIP priorities and stay engaged in the process.

The Board discussed using existing partnerships and resources, targeting areas of greatest need, and ensuring community perspectives guide implementation. A future agenda item will be considered to further discuss Board involvement and the potential formation of a subcommittee.

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OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING:

Stacia Sidlow, Deputy District Attorney, presented a training. She gave a PowerPoint presentation. Her slides included:

- Open & Public Meetings Act Training
- The basic rule

- When are we in a “meeting?”
- Don’t decide it before the meeting
- Public Notice and the agenda
- When can we close a meeting?
- Make the record clear
- Can we do that?
- Thank you

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Steve Chambers, Second Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 AM.