

**Summit County Combined General Health District
Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 5 p.m.
Boardroom - Building A**



Public Conference: 330 926 5796; ID#74883

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No presentation.

A. Welcome of Persons Present

- 1. Welcome new board member, Mr. James Senderak representing the City of Barberton for the 01/01/2026 - 12/31/2029 term.**

B. Call to Order 5:00 pm

C. Board Member Roll Call:

Dr. Patrick Blakeslee	01/01/2026-12/31/2029	-present
Chief Lee Chafin	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	-present
Dr. Catherine Cook	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	-present
Dr. Roberta DePompei	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	-present
Barry Ganoe	04/01/2024-03/31/2027	-present
Krisi Gindlesperger	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	-virtual
Jennifer Hayes	11/14/2024-12/31/2027	-excused absence
Dan Karant	01/01/2026-12/31/2029	-present
Janel Koellner	04/01/2025-03/31/2029	-present
William Lowery I	11/15/2024-12/31/2026	-present
Robert Maguire	01/01/2026-12/31/2029	-present
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	-present
James Senderak	01/01/2026-12/31/2029	-present
Jeffrey Snell	04/01/2022-03/31/2026	-present
Marco Sommerville	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	-present
Dr. Kenneth Varian	01/01/2025-12/31/2028	-present
Sheila Williams	01/01/2026-12/31/2029	-not present
General Health District - Vacancy	06/28/2025-03/31/2027	

Staff Present: Chris Barker, Tonia Burford, Joanne Emery, Eric Flint, Cory Kendrick, Clay Knapp, Marlene Martin, Dawn Meyers, Dr. Erika Sobolewski, Shaleeta Washington, Angela Woods

Guests: None

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Ganoe, to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from December 11, 2025.

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Passed by voice vote.

- E. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum.) None**
- F. Reading of Schedule E – Late Filings: None**
- G. Motion by Dr. DePompei, seconded by Mr. Karant, to adopt Resolution No. 001-26, entitled “Approval of the Consent Agenda, Schedules and all matters on the Consent Agenda.”**

Schedule A	Personnel
Schedule B	Employee Training and Travel Expenses
Schedule C	Contracts
Schedule D	Finance
Schedule E	Late Filings

Passed by voice vote.

H. Committee Reports

- 1. Community Health & Wellness – No Report**
- 2. Financial Operations – No Report**
- 3. Governance Committee – Jeff Snell provided a brief update on the virtual meeting policy and adoption timeline.**
- 4. Human Resources – Roberta DePompei reminded members that they would be receiving emails to facilitate Health Commissioner evaluation and the expected process for completion.**
- 5. Strategic Planning – No Report**

I. Health Commissioner’s Report

- 1. Motion by Mr. Ganoë, seconded by Dr. DePompei, to adopt Resolution No. 002-26, entitled “Approval of Organizational Matters of the Board of Health for the Year 2026 (See Enclosures.)”**
Passed by voice vote.
- 2. 2026 Board of Health Committee Meeting Schedule** *Half of the membership of each standing committee will be rotated every two years (2027.) Any Board member may attend a committee meeting but only appointed committee members may vote.*
Motion by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Karant, approving the 2026 Board of Health Committee Meeting Schedule (See Enclosure.)
Passed by voice vote.
- 3. Fourth Quarter, 2025 Non-Board Contract Report (See Enclosure.)**
- 4. Fourth Quarter, 2025 Strategic Plan Report (See Enclosure.)**
- 5. Fourth Quarter, 2025 Full-Time Equivalency Report (See Enclosure.)**
- 6. 106th District Advisory Council (DAC) Luncheon Meeting – Monday, March 2, 2026 at 12 noon, Donna R. Skoda Auditorium. Chris Barker invited all members and asked for their**

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RSVP to himself or Dawn Meyers.

7. **Board Compensation** *(See Enclosure.)* Chris Barker provided a brief background on the annual vote regarding compensation. Dr. Mamonis offered additional insights and offered to table the motion if new members weren't ready to vote. Mr. Karant added additional details.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (*Nay*), Chief Lee Chafin (*Nay*), Dr. Catherine Cook (*Nay*),
Dr. Roberta DePompei (*Nay*), Barry Ganoe (*Nay*), ~~Krisi Gindlesperger (-)~~, ~~Jennifer Hayes (-)~~,
Dan Karant (*Nay*), Janel Koellner (*Nay*), William Lowery (*Nay*), Robert Maguire (*Nay*),
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis (*Nay*), James Senderak (*Nay*), Jeffrey Snell (*Nay*),
Marco Sommerville (*Nay*), Dr. Kenneth Varian (*Nay*), ~~Sheila Williams (-)~~.

Failed Vote. Board members will not take compensation for 2026 meetings.

8. **Program and Fiscal Updates** Chris Barker provided updates including the Harm Reduction program receiving funding to launch a low barrier assistance program. Additionally, the Family Health program received funding that will facilitate partnerships with 6 community and faith based organizations to promote maternal wellness and infant vitality.

- J. **Fiscal Report.** Clay provided brief remarks regarding the below items.

1. **Monthly Report**
2. **Grant Funds 9203 and 9204**
 - a. Closing out of 9203 grant numbers in progress
 - b. Carryover appropriations for 9204 grants
3. **2024 audit released by Auditor of State**

- K. **Environmental Health** Tonia Burford provided an explanation for the resolution as an item that Ohio Department of Health wants documented for all soil evaluators for health districts.

- a. **Motion by Ms. Koellner, seconded by, Mr. Karant, to adopt resolution 003-26 endorsing Tori Blandine, Craig Davis, Adam Hocevar, Nicholas Speight and Adriana DeVite to conduct soil evaluations within the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.**

Passed by voice vote.

- L. **Clinical Health/Medical Director's Report**

1. **Motion by Mr. Ganoe, seconded by Dr. Cook, to adopt Resolution No. 004-26 entitled, "Resolution Adopting the Clinical Health Fee Schedule of the Summit County Combined General Health District, Repealing Resolutions Inconsistent Therewith and Declaring it an Emergency effective January 12, 2026" (See Enclosure.)**

Passed by voice vote.

2. **Communicable Disease Report (See Enclosure.)**

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- 3. Influenza Surveillance Report** *(See Enclosure.)* Dr. Sobolewski provided an update on the recent uptick in influenza cases and hospitalizations. Additionally, she responded to Dr. Blakeslee's question regarding the measles case reported in Cuyahoga County.

M. Miscellaneous Business

- 1. Motion by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Karant, to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.:**
- a) To conference with an attorney for the Board of Health concerning a dispute involving the Board that is the subject of imminent court action pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(3); and
 - b) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) (1).

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (yea), Chief Lee Chafin (yea), Dr. Catherine Cook (yea),
Dr. Roberta DePompei (yea), Barry Ganoe (yea), ~~Krisi Gindlesperger (-)~~, Jennifer Hayes (-),
Dan Karant (yea), Janel Koellner (yea), William Lowery (yea), Robert Maguire (yea),
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis (yea), James Senderak (yea), Jeffrey Snell (yea),
Marco Sommerville (yea), Dr. Kenneth Varian (yea), ~~Sheila Williams (-)~~.

Motion by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Karant, to reconvene from Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (yea), Chief Lee Chafin (yea), Dr. Catherine Cook (yea),
Dr. Roberta DePompei (yea), Barry Ganoe (yea), ~~Krisi Gindlesperger (-)~~, Jennifer Hayes (-),
Dan Karant (yea), Janel Koellner (yea), William Lowery (yea), Robert Maguire (yea),
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis (yea), James Senderak (yea), Jeffrey Snell (yea),
Marco Sommerville (yea), Dr. Kenneth Varian (yea), ~~Sheila Williams (-)~~.

- N. Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.**


Secretary


President

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom – Building A.