

**Summit County Combined General Health District
Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 5 p.m.
Boardroom – Building A**

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United Way 2-1-1

Tanya Kahl, Vice President, Community Impact, 211 & Basic Needs

A. Welcome of Persons Present

B. Call to Order: 5:14 p.m.

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	-present
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	04/01/2026-03/31/2030	-virtual observer
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	-excused absence
General Health District - Vacancy	06/28/2025-03/31/2027	

Staff Present: Chris Barker, Tonia Burford, Jarrod Cochoy, Edith Dillard, Joanne Emery, Eric Flint, Cory Kendrick, Marlene Martin, Dawn Meyers, Eddie Mink, Dr. Erika Sobolewski, Shaleeta Washington, Angela Woods.

Guests: Isabella Summers

D. Motion for Unanimous Consent:

Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Mr. Ganoe, to conduct business by voice vote, unless a roll call vote is specifically required by our Bylaws, state law, or is requested by a member of the Board.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Dr. Blakeslee to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from July 09, 2026.

Passed by voice vote.

F. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum.) None

G. Reading of Schedule E – Late Filings: None

H. Motion by Mr. Lowery, seconded by Mr. Ganoe, to adopt Resolution No. 023-26, 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.

Board President, Krisi Gindlesperger noted a previous Schedule A retirement announcement effective in August and request the following motion:

Motion by Dr. Mamonis, seconded by Dr. Cook, to give a resolution of appreciation to Tawanda Weems, Business Coordinator / Registrar, for over 33 years of public health service.

Passed by voice vote

I. Committee Reports

- 1. Community Health & Wellness** – *Dr. Blakeslee updated the board on the committee’s discussion regarding their core goals and the number of meeting necessary to accomplish those goals. No recommendations were brought to the full board at this time.*
- 2. Financial Operations** – *no report*
- 3. Governance Committee** – *no report*
- 4. Human Resources** – *no report*
- 5. Strategic Planning** – *Dr. Cook provided complimentary remarks about the update the committee received from SCPH staff regarding the 2027-2029 Strategic Plan. Points of praise included the*

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scope and depth of detail as well as the entire project being managed completely in line with the stated timelines. Mr. Snell also provided positive feedback.

J. Health Commissioner's Report: *Commissioner Chris Barker made the following announcements and remarks:*

- 1. The Human Resources committee is scheduled to meet immediately following this meeting.**
- 2. The Governance and the Human Resources committees are scheduled to meet following the September 10, 2026 regular board meeting.**
- 3. SCPH will be hosting the Township Association of Summit County's regular dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 1st. All board members are welcome to attend. Please email Dawn Meyers (dmeyers@schd.org) by 8/21/26 if you will be joining.**
- 4. Program and Fiscal Updates:**
 - *SCPH messaging and support of OEPA and other agency risk level messaging. Providing unambiguous guidance to individuals and entities to support informed decision making via direct interactions (phone calls) as well as social media messaging.*
 - *Federal issues, FY27 and measures in place to fund the government through early December 2026; recent Executive Order related to childhood vaccines; and an update on the OMB 2CFR status and the exceptional number of comments received during the comment period.*

Dr. Cook provided remarks that she felt SCPH did not provide a satisfactory level of communication to the board regarding the wildfire air quality event and the cyclosporiasis situation. After discussion the Board President and the Health Commissioner indicated that communication processes will be reviewed.

K. Fiscal Report: *Angela Woods provided brief remarks on the following:*

- 1. IRS 2026 mileage reimbursement rate update**
 - *July 1, 2026 the rate increased to \$0.76/mile.*
- 2. Monthly Reports**

L. Environmental Health – None

M. Clinical Health/Medical Director's Report: *Dr. Sobolewski was available for comment on the following reports.*

- 1. Communicable Disease Report** *(See Enclosure.)*
- 2. Vector-Borne Surveillance Report** *(See Enclosure.)*

Dr. Sobolewski also provided a short update on cyclosporiasis cases numbers and why numbers between local/state/federal tallies differ. SCPH has seen a significant decline in new positive test results and continues to the investigative process for all unresolved positive cases. Additionally, a brief update on the current measles outbreak in Ohio was provide. As of the meeting date, Summit County did not have any cases related to that outbreak, but is prepared to respond should a case be identified in our jurisdiction.

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N. Miscellaneous Business

1. Motion by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Karant to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m.:

- a) To confer with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action by division (G)(3) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Court action is "pending" if a suit has been commenced; court action is "imminent" if it is on the point of happening or impending.

Roll Call Vote:

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

1. Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Dr. Mamonis to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

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

Mr. Sommerville departed the meeting before roll call to end the session.

No action was taken by the board after exiting executive session.

O. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


Secretary


President

**The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom – Building A.**