

**Summit County Combined General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting  
Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 5 p.m.  
Boardroom – Building A**



**Public Conference: 330 926 5796; ID#74883**

**MINUTES**

**Full Term First Birthday  
Community Baby Shower**

**Megan Sutherland, MPA – Public Health Coordinator**

**A. Welcome of Persons Present**

**B. Call to Order: 5:17 p.m.**

**C. Board Member Roll Call:**

<b>Dr. Patrick Blakeslee</b>	<i>05/11/2023-12/31/2025</i>	<i>- virtual</i>
<b>Chief Lee Chafin</b>	<i>01/01/2024-12/31/2027</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Dr. Catherine Cook</b>	<i>01/01/2023-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Dr. Roberta DePompei</b>	<i>01/01/2024-12/31/2027</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Barry Ganoe</b>	<i>04/01/2024-03/31/2027</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Krisi Gindlesperger</b>	<i>01/01/2023-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Mary Jo Goss</b>	<i>01/01/2023-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Jennifer Hayes</b>	<i>11/14/2024-12/31/2027</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Dan Karant</b>	<i>01/01/2021-12/31/2025</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Janel Koellner</b>	<i>04/01/2025-03/31/2029</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>William Lowery I</b>	<i>11/15/2024-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis</b>	<i>01/01/2024-12/31/2027</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Jeffrey Snell</b>	<i>04/01/2022-03/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Marco Sommerville</b>	<i>01/01/2023-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- virtual</i>
<b>Dr. Kenneth Varian</b>	<i>01/01/2025-12/31/2026</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>Sheila Williams</b>	<i>01/01/2022-12/31/2025</i>	<i>- present</i>
<b>City of Tallmadge - Vacancy</b>	<i>05/09/2025-12/31/2025</i>	
<b>General Health District - Vacancy</b>	<i>06/28/2025-03/31/2027</i>	
<b>Licensing Council – Vacancy</b>	<i>07/10/2025-03/20/2027</i>	

Staff Present: Chris Barker, Tonia Burford, Joanne Emery, Eric Flint, Cory Kendrick, Clay Knapp, Marlene Martin, Dawn Meyers, David Shinn, Megan Sutherland, Shaleeta Washington, Tawanda Weems, Angela Woods

Guests: Mr. Jim Templeton, Mr. Shawn Kungle, Ms. Isabella Summers

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### **D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Mr. Ganoe, to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from July 10, 2025.**

*Passed by voice vote.*

### **E. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum.)**

*Mr. Templeton, a resident and property owner in Green, came to discuss his concerns pertaining to his septic system as it is impacted by a potential lot split. Mr. Kungle, a septic installer, addressed the board in support of Mr. Templeton. The board thanked Mr. Templeton for his remarks and committed to having staff reach out to him the following day.*

### **F. Reading of Schedule E – Late Filings:**

#### **SCHEDULE A – PERSONNEL**

- 1. Approve the change of status of Denaye Black, Breastfeeding Peer, full-time to part-time, with no change in pay, effective September 8, 2025. (Denaye works as a Breastfeeding Peer in the WIC program.)**

**Motion by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Karant, to accept Schedule E – Late Filings.**

*Passed by voice vote.*

### **G. Motion by Ms. Koellner, seconded by Mr. Karant, to adopt Resolution No. 021-25, entitled “Approval of the Consent Agenda, Schedules and all matters on the Consent Agenda.”**

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

*Passed by voice vote.*

**Dr. Mamonis requested a motion for a resolution of appreciation.**

**Motion by Ms. Goss, seconded by Dr. DePompei to give a resolution of appreciation to Mary Smith, Public Health Aide, for 32 years of public health service.**

*Passed by voice vote.*

### **H. Health Commissioner’s Report**

- 1. Financial Operations committee will meet immediately following this meeting in the Boardroom. Human Resources Committee will meet immediately following this meeting in Command Control**
- 2. The Governance and Human Resources committees are scheduled to meet September 11, 2025. Meeting rooms TBD.**



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3. The Annual SCPH Staff picnic will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 4pm in the back parking lot here at 1867 W. Market Street. Lunch will be served approximately 11:30am. All board members are welcome and invited to attend.
4. SCPH will be hosting the Township Association of Summit County's regular dinner meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Board of Health members are welcome and invited to attend. Please email Dawn (dmeyers@schd.org) if you will be attending.
5. Program and Fiscal Updates
  - a. FY26 HHS funding and PHEP grant funding issues
  - b. Governor DeWine has convened a workgroup to establish concrete next steps in the issue surrounding property taxes with an end of September deadline for report out.
  - c. Update on our water line caused building closure and some opportunities to refine our processes that were discovered.
  - d. SCPH has received the Summit Ready Certification from Summit County EMA. This is a 5 year certification that demonstrates the agency's commitment to preparedness.

### I. Fiscal Report

1. Monthly Report
2. Annual Audit Update *Clay discussed the annual audit got a late start and is currently in progress. On site work by the auditors is expected in the near future.*
3. Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Dr. DePompei to adopt Resolution No. 023-25 entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Then and Now Certificate."

Vendor	Amount	PO No.	Description
AOHC	\$3,800.00	202503223	Public Health Emergency Preparedness B-Team Consultant

*Passed by voice vote.*

### J. Committee Reports

1. Community Health & Wellness – Ms. Gindlesperger reported that the committee met on July 10<sup>th</sup> and had discussed recent WHO and April ACIP Workgroup considerations as it relates to the use of 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccines. With those considerations in mind, the committee asked the board to consider the following motion regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for SCPH employees.

**Motion by Ms. Gindlesperger, seconded by Dr. Varian, to rescind the "Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for All Employees" policy effective immediately.**

*Passed by voice vote. Ms. Goss abstained*

2. Financial Operations – No Report
3. Governance Committee – No Report
4. Human Resources – No Report
5. Strategic Planning – No Report

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**K. Environmental Health**

1. **Motion by Mr. Ganoe, seconded by Mr. Karant, to adopt Resolution No. 022-25 entitled, "Resolution Amending Chapter 101, Fees under Title One of the Environmental Health Code of the Summit County Combined General Health District, Repealing Resolutions Inconsistent Therewith and Declaring it an Emergency, Effective September 1, 2025**  
*(See Enclosure.)*  
*Passed by voice vote.*

**L. Clinical Health/Medical Director's Report-** *Dr. Sobolewski presented a few slides that showed the dramatic rise in blacklegged ticks in Ohio along with the rates of sampled ticks that have tested positive for Lyme disease. Dr. Sobolewski also provided a slide to update on Measles in the US.*

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

**M. Miscellaneous Business**

1. **Motion by Mr. Ganoe, seconded by Dr. DePompei, to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:51 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 (–), Chief Lee Chafin (Y), Dr. Catherine Cook (Y),  
Dr. Roberta DePompei (Y), Barry Ganoe (Y), Krisi Gindlesperger (Y), Mary Jo Goss (Y),  
Jennifer Hayes (Y), Dan Karant (Y), Janel Koellner (Y), William Lowery (Y),  
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis (Y), Jeffrey Snell (Y), ~~Marco Sommerville (–)~~, Dr. Kenneth Varian (Y),  
Sheila Williams (Y).**

**Motion by Dr. Varian, seconded by Dr. DePompe to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.**  
*Passed by voice vote.*

**~~Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (–), Chief Lee Chafin (–), Dr. Catherine Cook (–),  
Dr. Roberta DePompei (–), Barry Ganoe (–), Krisi Gindlesperger (–), Mary Jo Goss (–),  
Jennifer Hayes (–), Dan Karant (–), Janel Koellner (–), William Lowery (–),  
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis (–), Jeffrey Snell (–), Marco Sommerville (–), Dr. Kenneth Varian (–),  
Sheila Williams (–).~~**

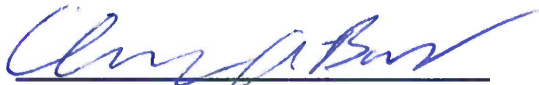
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N. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

  
Secretary

  
President

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 5:00  
p.m.  
in the Boardroom – Building A.