

**Summit County Combined General Health District
Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 5 p.m.
Boardroom – Building A**

Public Conference: 330 926 5796; ID#74883



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Birth and Death Records

Tawanda Weems, Business Coordinator/Registrar

A. Welcome of Persons Present

B. Call to Order: 5:14 pm

C. Board Member Roll Call:

Dr. Patrick Blakeslee	05/11/2023-12/31/2025	- 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 Gano	04/01/2024-03/31/2027	- Excused absence
Krisi Gindlesperger	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	- present
Jennifer Hayes	11/14/2024-12/31/2027	- Excused absence
Dan Karant	01/01/2021-12/31/2025	- present
Janel Koellner	04/01/2025-03/31/2029	- present
William Lowery I	11/15/2024-12/31/2026	- present
Robert Maguire	05/09/2025-12/31/2025	- Excused absence
Dr. Alexandra Mamonis	01/01/2024-12/31/2027	- present
Jeffrey Snell	04/01/2022-03/31/2026	- present
Marco Sommerville	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	- present
Dr. Kenneth Varian	01/01/2025-12/31/2026	- Excused absence
Sheila Williams	01/01/2022-12/31/2025	- not present
General Health District - Vacancy	06/28/2025-03/31/2027	
City of Barberton - Vacancy	01/01/2023-12/31/2026	

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

Guests: Samantha Hartz-Rudolph, Danae Dawson

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D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Mr. Sommerville, to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from October 09, 2025.

Passed by voice vote.

E. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum.) - NONE

F. Reading of Schedule E – Late Filings:

SCHEDULE C – CONTRACTS

Adopt Contract No.200499 authorizing an agreement between Archangel Protective Services, Inc. and Summit County Combined General Health District for security guard services (Pending prosecutor approval for the period of January 2, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 payable to Archangel Protective Services, Inc.)

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

Passed by voice vote.

G. Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Ms. Gindlesperger, to adopt Resolution No. 033-25, 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

Mr. Karant requested an explanation as to why the storm water contracts with various political subdivisions varied. Tonia Burford, Environmental Health Director explained the process of determining costs and noted the discrepancies are largely based on the number of outfalls that need to be sampled in each jurisdiction.

Passed by voice vote.

Dr. Mamonis requested the following motion:

Motion by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Karan to give resolutions of appreciate to Annamarie Caruso for 36 years of public health service and to Paul Koehler for 32 years of public health service.

Passed by voice vote.

H. Health Commissioner's Report

- 1. The Financial Operations Committee will meet immediately following this meeting in the boardroom.**
- 2. The Governance and the Human Resources committees are scheduled to meet**

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immediately following the regular December 11, 2025 board meeting.

3. **Program and Fiscal Updates:** *WIC and SNAP benefits have been funded through September 2026 and was passed through a separate bill from the continuing resolution. It is estimated 4 million people in the US will lose or elect not to purchase health insurance without the extension of ACA subsidies. In Ohio, property tax legislation is currently being monitored by AOHC. House Bills to monitor include HB137, HB309 and HB335. HB137 referred to as the CHOICE Act is intended to revise the law governing childhood immunization and exemptions for K-12, preschools and daycares. The bill also removes hepatitis B requirements. On October 8th, the Governor issued an Emergency Executive Order declaring an Adulterated Consumer Product Emergency for items which contain intoxicating hemp. While the order is stayed, if implemented health department staff would be responsible for embargoing any products that are in violation. Ohio Senate Bill 56 and recent federal legislation is seeking to amend the definition and clarify the concerns found in the 2018 Farm Bill.*
4. **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank:** *Discussion around providing assistance to the foodbank. Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Dr. Cook, to allocate an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Public Health General Fund to the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank to support the provision of services for food commodities, nutrition assistance, diapers and wipes to support Summit County residents. Passed by voice vote.*

I. Fiscal Report

1. **Monthly Report** – *No additional discussion*

J. Committee Reports

1. **Community Health & Wellness** – *Ms. Gindlesperger reported that the committee had reviewed and recommended Environmental Health code updates and those updates will be presented to the entire board for consideration once finalized.*
2. **Financial Operations** – *No Report*
3. **Governance Committee** – *No Report*
4. **Human Resources** – *No Report*
5. **Strategic Planning** – *No Report*

K. Environmental Health

1. **Second reading of resolution ***-25 entitled, “Resolution Adopting an Environmental Fee Schedule for the year 2026”** *(See Enclosure.) No additional discussion.*

L. Clinical Health/Medical Director’s Report

1. **First reading of Resolution No. ***-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.)*

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2. Communicable Disease Report (See Enclosure.)

3. Influenza Surveillance Report (See Enclosure.)

Dr. Sobolewski took some time to address wastewater surveillance and how we are able to see things like Influenza A & B, RSV and even Measles in wastewater and it gives us an anonymous, and robust view of current trending illnesses. Cory Kendrick then spoke about the surveillance of illicit drugs in wastewater and how it has become a useful tool in helping alert providers.

M. Miscellaneous Business

1. Motion by ____, seconded by ____, to adjourn into Executive Session at ____ 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 (), Dr. Catherine Cook (),
Dr. Roberta DePompei (), Barry Ganoe (), Krisi Gindlesperger (), Jennifer Hayes (),
Dan Karant (), Janel Koellner (), William Lowery (), Robert Maguire (),
Dr. Alexandra Mamonis (), Jeffrey Snell (), Marco Sommerville (), Dr. Kenneth Varian (),
Sheila Williams ().~~

Motion by ____, seconded by ____, to reconvene from Executive Session at ____ p.m.

~~Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (), Chief Lee Chafin (), Dr. Catherine Cook (),
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N. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.


Secretary


President

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