

**Minutes of the Mesa County Board of Public Health Meeting  
Held June 5, 2023**

**Mesa County Workforce Center, Business Center Rooms A + D, 512 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504**

Board Members Present: Janet Rowland, Mona Highline (virtual), Michael White, MD, Victor Yahn, F-ABMDI, and Jeff Kuhr, PhD  
(Executive Director)

Guests Present: Todd Starr, David Scanga, Brenda Moore, Heidi Dragoo, Charissa Hammer (virtual), Rich Tuttle, and a large public contingent

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Follow-up Items and Next Steps</b>
<b>Business Agenda</b>				
1	Officer Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice President</li> <li>• <i>Secretary position is filled by Director</i></li> </ul>	The Board discussed officer positions.	It was moved by Commissioner Rowland and seconded by Ms. Highline to elect Mr. Yahn as President and Dr. White as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.	
2	Sign Annual Conflict of Interest Statements (Todd Starr)	Mr. Starr explained the conflict of interest statement and that it has been modified to be consistent with Mesa County and the Colorado Revised Statutes Conflict of Interest language.	The Board signed and dated the conflict of interest statements.	Mr. Starr will contact Ms. Highline to get her signature.
3	Declaration of Conflict of Interest for Agenda Items	There were no conflicts.		
4	Discussion of Special Meeting held 5.12.23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of minutes and discussion of additional documentation (Todd Starr)</li> </ul>	Mr. Starr discussed the legality of the Board approving minutes, and although this new Board can approve the prior minutes, it was decided to receive input	The special meeting minutes from 5.12.23 will be held until former Board members may be contacted	

		<p>from the former BOPH members to ensure the accuracy of the minutes.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Starr played excerpts from security camera video footage that showed the GJ Sentinel Reporter Charles Ashby seemingly eavesdropping on the BOPH 5.12.23 executive session.</p>	for their input on the minutes.	The Board took no further action on this matter at this time.
5	Discussion of contact with David Scanga (Todd Starr)	Mr. Starr discussed the relationship of Mr. Scanga and his firm with the Board. Commissioner Rowland suggested one final meeting with Mr. Scanga.		An executive session will be added to the agenda of the next meeting to consult with Mr. Scanga.
6	Schedule new time for regular monthly board meetings	<p>The Board discussed their scheduling.</p> <p>Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 3:00 pm. The meeting for July will be pushed to the second week due to the Holiday.</p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>	It was moved by Dr. White and seconded by Ms. Highline to hold regular meetings on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 pm with exceptions for holidays. Motion carried unanimously.	
7	Schedule workshops to discuss/update governing documents (Bylaws, policy manual, IGA with Mesa County, etc.)	The County Attorney's office will review the governing documents and report to the Board at the next meeting.	Workshops will be scheduled at the next meeting.	
8	Personnel updates and discussion of HR process for proposed reorganization (Brenda Moore, Human Resources Director)	<p>Dr. Kuhr discussed his plan for the reorganization of MCPH.</p> <p>Ms. Moore discussed the HR process for posting positions and the compensation structure.</p> <p>The Board asked questions to Dr. Kuhr and Ms. Moore.</p>	The Board will allow MCPH to continue the hiring process with HR to fill needed roles.	

9	Consider approval of supplemental budget request to include childcare budget changes and trails FTEs	The Board reviewed the childcare budget changes and the trails FTEs.	It was moved by Mr. Yahn and seconded by Commissioner Rowland to approve the childcare budget changes and trails FTEs. Motion carried unanimously.	
10	Review of Contracts (Heidi Dragoo)	Ms. Dragoo reviewed the revenue and expense contracts.		
11	Public Health Department Contract and Procurement Review (Charissa Hammer, Hammer Consulting & Forensics, LLC)	<p>Mr. Starr introduced Charissa Hammer.</p> <p>Ms. Hammer provided a summary of the Contract and Procurement Review.</p> <p>Mr. Starr introduced Rich Tuttle.</p> <p>Mr. Tuttle presented his findings from the Contract and Procurement Review and the Board's policy documents.</p> <p>The Board heard from members of the public regarding Dr. Kuhr's contract and performance. Speakers included Dr. Kuhr's attorney who was provided extra time to offer his comments.</p>	Following the presentations and public comment, Mr. Yahn moved and Dr. White seconded to place Dr. Kuhr on paid administrative leave. Motion carried unanimously.	
12	Consider appointment of Interim Director	The Board discussed the appointment of an interim director and received public comment on the issue.	It was moved by Mr. Yahn and seconded by Commissioner Rowland to appoint Todd Hollenbeck as the interim director. Motion carried unanimously.	The Board will meet with the MCPH leadership team to discuss the appointment of the interim director on Wednesday, June 7 at 6 pm.

13	Adjourn			
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