

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois
Conference Room #3112*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

6:00 PM

3010 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL

Lake County Board of Health

1. Call to Order

Vice President Johnson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present 8 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent 4 - President Sashko, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member McDowell M.D. and Member Parekh

3. Pledge of Allegiance

This matter was presented.

4. Public Comment to the Board

None

5. Awards and Recognition

None

6. Presentations

None

7. President's Report**8. Consent Agenda**

Vice President Johnson Jones called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda and approve item

8.1. Motion by Member Belmonte, second by Member DeVaux. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 4 - President Sashko, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member McDowell M.D. and Member Parekh

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May 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [5.28.25 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

9. Regular Agenda**9.1**

Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) Privileging / Credentialing / Reappointment - Maine

Member Maine asked for a motion to approve the appointment and reappointment of the licensed independent practitioners:

- Jamie Ehrenpreis, MD, Pediatrics

- Kattryn Guardiano, APRN, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Carmen Macias Huerta, MD, Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease
- Nimat Akorede, APRN, Psychiatry-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Aileen Benjakul, MD, Internal Medicine
- Rath Kokeela, MD, Internal and Addiction Medicine
- Marina Smirnov, MD Psychiatry
- Carlie Terchin, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Mamerto Villamonte, DDS, Dentist
- Genevieve Waldschmidt, APRN, Family Nurse Practitioner

Motion by Member Maine, second by Member DeVaux. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Aye: 8 - Vice President Johnson Jones Ed.D., Secretary DeVaux, Member-at-Large Maine, Member Belmonte D.O., Member Cerk, Member Larson Ph.D., Member Mittl Pollina Psy.D. and Member Soulakis Ph.D.

Absent: 4 - President Sashko, Member-at-Large Hagstrom D.D.S., Member McDowell M.D. and Member Parekh

9.2

Proposed Revisions to Health Department Employee Policies - Hagstrom

Attachments: [Termination of Employment RED LINE](#)
 [Termination of Employment](#)
 [Termination and Severance of At-Will Employee](#)

This matter was postponed to the next Board of Health meeting as the Personnel Committee did not meet today due to lack of physical quorum.

10. Discussion Items

10.1

Collective Bargaining Structure & Union Update - Sashko

Vice President Johnson Jones informed the Board that the Executive Committee met last month to evaluate the Union's petition to represent approximately 600 employees. After careful consideration, the Executive Committee decided to seek and engage new legal counsel. Executive Director Christopher Hoff added that the HR department is diligently ensuring all required procedures are followed accurately. Christopher also emphasized that this issue will require continued discussion as the process moves forward.

11. Attachments for Board Review**11.1**

Media Placement Highlights - Johnson

Attachments: [Media Placement Highlights 202505 \(1\)](#)

This matter was presented.

12. Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council Update

Director of Healthcare Operations, Kim Burke, reported that the Governing Council held its regular monthly meeting on June 10, 2025. During this session, the Council reviewed and approved the Clinical Risk and Patient Safety Plan, which is updated and approved every few years.

13. Lake County Tuberculosis Board Update

The Tuberculosis Board did not meet and there currently are no significant updates.

14. Added to Agenda Items

Member Maine added to the agenda that County Board Member Gina Roberts shared an email from Robin Smith, Director of the Zion Benton Library, expressing gratitude to the Lake County Board for establishing and funding the Mobile Response Crisis Unit of the Lake County Health Department. The email highlighted a recent incident where a patron in crisis sought help at the Zion Benton Library. Utilizing Lake County 211 and navigating the Health Department system, assistance was arranged efficiently, with a comprehensive plan in place within an hour. The patron left in an improved state. Member Maine shared this to underscore the commendable work of the Lake County Health Department.

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Executive Session

None

18. Adjournment

Vice President Johnson Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.