

Board of Health

Regular Called Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

E. L. Richardson Health Center ~ Bohan Auditorium

Board Members Present

The Honorable Jeff Rader, Chair
Dr. Clyde Watkins, Jr., Vice Chair
Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, Parliamentarian
The Honorable Edward "Ted" Terry
Mrs. Delphyne Lomax Taylor

Absent

Dr. Vasanne Tinsley
Dr. Sonia Alvarez Robinson

District Health Director

S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D., M.B.A.

Staff and Guests

Almanzia Opeyo	Dr. Les Richmond	Marynette Casey
Angela Bines	Dr. Otto Ike	Monique Farone
Althea Dixon	Dr. Sentayehu Bedane	Omatola Gordon-Rose
Angelle Rozier	Eric Nickens, Jr.	Patrice Cannon
Althea Otauta	Evelyn Walker	Paul Spadafora
Belinda Crittenton	Grace Phillips	Phuong Le
Beth Ruddiman	India Dyer	Rebar Amedi
Brenda Smith	Janet Kelly	Rosalind Hill
Cashmere Miller	John Reece	Ryan Cira
Courtney Underwood	Juanette Willis	Sabrina Rawls
Darryl Richards	Kelly Clay	Sedessie Spivey
Don Brundage	Krystal Glass	Tammy Preston
Donna Erwin	Lisa McWhorter	Terri James
Dr. Dwayne Turner	Mandy Seaman	Stephanie Carter
		Velma Benton-Hamler

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The September 27, 2018, DeKalb County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jeff Rader at 3:00 p.m.

Actions

I. Approval of Minutes

Chair Rader asked for a review and approval of the minutes of the Board's May 24, 2018, meeting. When no revisions were necessary, he asked for a motion to approve. Member Lomax Taylor made a motion and Vice Chair Watkins seconded. Chair Rader called for a vote. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

Chair Rader asked for a review and approval of the minutes of the public hearing on May 24, 2018. When no revisions were necessary, he asked for a motion to approve. Vice Chair Watkins made a motion and Member Terry seconded. Chair Rader called for a vote. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

Chair Rader deferred action on the minutes of the Board's August 8, 2018, conference call until the November 5, 2018, board meeting so all board members who participated in the call can vote on approval.

Dr. Camara Jones abstained from voting on the approval of minutes for the public hearing and meeting minutes for the board meeting on May 23 and the August 8 conference call since she was not present for those meetings.

II. District Director's Report

Dr. Ford presented the Director's Report for the months of June through August.

III. Service Awards and Presentations

The following service awards were presented:

- Grace Phillips – Social Service Technician, T.O. Vinson Health Center, 20 years
- Evelyn Walker – Office Manager, North DeKalb Health Center, 20 years
- Terri James – Administrative Assistant, Marketing & Business Development Department, 30 years
- Marynette Casey – WIC Office Supervisor, T.O. Vinson Health Center, 35 years
- Cindy Stroud – Administrative Assistant, Office of Emergency Preparedness, 12 years/retirement
- Belinda Crittenton – Program Operations Specialist, Clifton Springs Health Center, 30 years/retirement

IV. Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Brenda K. Smith presented the Financial Report.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Board Comments

Member Jones thanked Dr. Ford for her statement that followed her report today. It was about not tolerating sexual harassment. Member Jones stated that she "appreciates the leader that Dr. Ford is at the Board of Health and the example of sincere and personable leadership that she represents." She also mentioned the importance of registering to vote and galvanizing people to go to the polls.

Chair Rader stated, "This is a better place to work when people know that their rights and prerogatives are protected at the top level of leadership." He also thanked the staff for being present and for all the work that they do on behalf of the residents of DeKalb County.

Member Lomax Taylor mentioned that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is coming in October and that she is a breast cancer survivor. She reminded the attendees of the importance of having annual mammograms.

Dr. Ford stated that she was delighted to attend the Physiology of Health Inequity Conference at The Carter Center where Dr. Jones presented on racism and how it impacts living, especially one's health. Dr. Ford commended Dr. Jones on an excellent job.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Rader asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Lomax Taylor made a motion and Vice Chair Watkins seconded. All voted to approve the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rader at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by



India Dyer, Recording Secretary

Approved by



The Honorable Jeff Rader, Chair