



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health



Thursday, October 9, 2025
5:30 PM

Regular

Columbia/Boone
County Public Health &
Human Services
Training Room 1
1005 W. Worley St
Columbia, MO.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Heidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present: 9 - Harry Feirman, Jonathan Heidt, Rosann Geiser, Sonita Simelus, Ella Miller, Ashton Day, Joseline Hernandez Arroyo, Tom Rose and Bridget Kraus

Excused: 1 - Samantha Joiner

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Feirman moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Rose. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 09.11.2025

Attachments: [BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 09.11.2025](#)

Rose moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Kraus. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Preparations for Pre-Council Meeting on November 3rd, 2025

The pre-council meeting date has been moved to December 1st, 2025. The board discussed that since the pre-council meeting has been moved if it would be helpful to see the presentation, that will be given at pre-council, before the council meeting. This way the board can go over the preparations for the pre-council meeting then when they review the presentation. Shikles explains that there will be a presentation and that it will be done and presented by the staff. Shikles mentions that the presentation will be shared with the board prior to the pre-council meeting. At this time, Shikles also brings up that when the ordinance draft was sent to the legal team they had the suggestion that the board include criteria for a multiple pet permit in that section of the ordinance. Rose suggests that the board have the November 13th Board of Health meeting so that they can further discuss this change of including criteria in that section of the ordinance. Shikles tells the board that the full ordinance draft could be done by the November 13th meeting so that way they can review the language that will be in their own ordinance instead of going off of another states ordinance as the example.

Heidt moves on to go over what will be discussed at the next meeting in November. The board will review the presentation for pre-council, they will discuss the added language, criteria change, and then will finalize the preparations that have been made.

Board of Health Meeting Frequency

Moving forward on to the next topic on the agenda about the frequency of board meetings. Day is the first to propose that the board try to meet with the legal department to be advised on what the Board of Health capabilities are and then come back to this discussion of the frequency of their board meetings. Feirman also brings up that the council could send the ordinance back to the board for the board to further review or make changes too, adding how that would affect how frequent the board would need to meet. The board decides that this topic will be tabled until the next meeting for discussion.

VI. REPORTS

Director's Report - Rebecca Roesslet

For the director's report Shikles is here filling in for Roesslet as she could not attend the meeting tonight. Shikles begins the director's report by telling how the State did a press release about the West Nile virus and its increasing numbers in the state. Adding that it was the first week of Flu season. Shikles brings up that there has been the first human case of New World Screwworm, it was not in Missouri it was in Maryland, but Shikles adds how it could be a threat to livestock.

Moving on to federal updates she tells how the government shutdown still continues, but it is not impacting the operations of the Health Department at this time. It does delay some of the federal payments that are received, because there is funding from the federal government. Continuing Shikles speaks about how the ACIP has made new recommendations on the Covid-19 vaccination. Those recommendation are that all individuals six months or older can receive the vaccine. She explains how the Health Department Clinic is handling the vaccinations, and that is an individual can come in and speak with a public health nurse and receive the Covid-19 vaccination. Shikles also mentions briefly about some of the other recommendations that were made. She tells how there will be no school flu clinics this year due to funding cuts.

Continuing Shikles wanted to mention a group recently formed called One Health Network, it is a group of individuals from various organizations that meet to discuss emerging topics and epidemiology and encourage collaboration across human, environmental, and animal fields. She mentions it to see if anyone on the board would be interested in joining.

Moving forward, Feirman asks Shikles if they have gotten any questions about vaccines given the changes and advice that has been given, Shikles answers she is sure that they have at the clinic. Feirman also wanted to know with the government shutdown, does WIC have sufficient funds, because that is something that some states have been losing. Shikles thinks that Missouri could be one of those states if the shutdown continues.

Before finishing up, Shikles goes over again what will happen for the next meeting. Rose volunteered to review and discuss with Meyers and Roesslet the criteria language being added. Shikles lets the board know that the language and where it can be found in the ordinance will be sent out to them and that they will also be reviewing the presentation for pre-council at the next meeting. It is brought up if legal could be at the next meeting as they had talked about meeting with legal previously, but the board decides that they would wait till a later meeting when they could spend more time with legal.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 13, 2025

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Day moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Simelus. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.