



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health



Thursday, September 11, 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

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

Present: 8 - Harry Feirman, Sonita Simelus, Ella Miller, Ashton Day, Joseline Hernandez Arroyo, Tom Rose, Samantha Joiner and Bridget Kraus

Excused: 2 - Jonathan Heidt and Rosann Geiser

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hernández Arroyo moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Kraus. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 08.14.2025

Attachments: [BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 08.14.2025](#)

Feirman moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Review of accepted changes to Chapter 5 Animals and Fowl

Attachments: [REDLINED Chapter 5 Final Document](#)
[CLEAN Chapter 5 Final Document](#)

Day begins the new business discussion by explaining that the review of the accepted changes was something they completed at the previous meeting. Roesslet tells how at the last meeting the board voted to approve all of the changes, and their ask for this meeting was to come back and review a completely marked up version of Chapter 5. A version that showed all of the approved changes. Their other ask was to review a clean version of Chapter 5 with the approved changes. Roesslet goes on to let the board know that this would be the time for them to bring up anything that they would want to discuss that they saw while reviewing. Including anything that had been missed or if there was a mistake, or if there is something they wished to discuss that had not previously been discussed. At this time, Roesslet asks if anyone has any corrections that need to be made or if there are any areas the board did not discuss that they would like to open for discussion. Day mentions that she feels as though they have been through Chapter 5 thoroughly, also stating that she believes that Roesslet's staff feels pretty good about the changes that have been made and the finished results. Roesslet says that her staff, Meyers and Bales who went through the ordinance very thoroughly do feel good about the end results and the changes they have made. Adding that her staff and herself went through Chapter 5 and made sure that everything was consistent throughout the ordinance.

Moving forward, Roesslet confirmed again they are still on the pre-council agenda for November third at 5:00 P.M. This is when the changes to Chapter 5 will be presented to the council. This is also when the board can answer any questions that the council may have. Miller inquired at that time about the November Board of Health meeting, wanting to know if they will still be having a meeting since the pre-council meeting is also taking place in November. Roesslet says they have discussed this at previous meetings, the idea of not having a Board of Health meeting in November, but that decision is up to the board. The board can decide if they would like to have their November meeting or if they would like to skip the meeting. They return their discussion back to the pre-council meeting. Roesslet reminds them that there is no quorum for the Board of Health needed at the pre-council meeting. Feirman brings up a question, asking if the Chapter 5 changes will have to go through legal before they are presented to the council. Roesslet answers that the changes do not need to go through legal, that the changes would go through legal after it goes to council. At this time it is brought up about if they will get to see the changes again after they go through council and legal. Roesslet explains that they will get to see the ordinance again, but it won't be for another approval by them. They will be able to see the final changes and as a clean copy because it is a public record and it is available to anyone. Roesslet also says that there is always a possibility that at pre-council or council the board could be asked to go back and review another part of the changes to the ordinance. Miller then confirms what was said at the previous meeting about there not being any public comment allowed at the pre-council meeting. Roesslet confirms this as well, stating that the public is welcome to attend the meeting, but public comments are not allowed.

At this time Day asks again if there is anything that the board would like to revisit or discuss regarding the approved changes to Chapter 5. Rose brings up that he has several items that he would like to go through. Rose noticed that there were some errors and problems with terminology while he was reviewing the approved changes. Rose begins at

Sec. 5-1, with the section where it states "Feral cat colony means any number of five or more feral cats (belonging to a group) being cared for at a single location." Rose says that the parentheses are not needed for that section. Rose suggested removing the parentheses and the board is in agreement with that suggestion. Rose moves on to mention the terminology and sections where it mentions the "destruction" of the animal, and Rose is suggesting that better wording be made for that term. He brings up that it should state "humanely euthanized and disposed of" throughout the ordinance where "destruction" or "destroy" is mentioned. Moving on to the next error that Rose came across in Sec. 5-3 (b), which is that it needs to state "utilized by Law Enforcement" adding "by" in the statement to make it correct. Rose then moves on to another correction that he found in Sec. 5-6 (a), where there is a wording error that needs to be corrected. Going on, Rose comes to Sec. 5-63 asking the board their opinion on if they want to add "domesticated" before places where it states dog or cat in this section to make it consistent with the section header. This was also a change that was previously made in Sec. 5-61. The board agreed to make the changes so it would be more consistent with the other sections throughout the ordinance. They then move on to Sec. 5-112 (a)(4) with Rose mentioning that it needs to state "private property owner" adding in "owner" to that section to make it correct. The board is in agreement with that correction. Next Rose goes into Sec. 5-113 asking the board if they want to change the wording to state "Every organization or person" instead of "Every person." After some discussion on this topic the board decides that they want to move forward with the change.

Day at this time asks the board if anyone has any other suggestions or changes, and since there are none they continue on to the next topic.

Simelus moves to approve all suggested language changes as proposed, seconded by Kraus. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

Director's Report - Rebecca Roesslet

Roesslet starts the report by giving congratulations to Joiner and Geiser, who have renewed their three year term with the Board of Health. Roesslet also lets the board know that Schuette is not going to reapply for the county position and that there will be a county spot open on the board.

Roesslet moves forward in her report and talks about a change with WIC. The WIC food package is going to change, they are removing name brand cereal and juices, and moving to where it is all going to be store brand. They will also be removing yogurt. Roesslet does confirm that they will be keeping fresh fruit and vegetables.

Roesslet goes into the topic of the vaccines and that they do have the Flu vaccine at the Health Department, but states that the Covid vaccine is a different story. Lots of places like pharmacies are waiting till the ACIP meets to see what their recommendations are because those recommendations are going to impact whether or not insurance providers are going to cover the Covid vaccine. Right now they are able to provide it if they are 65 and older. Roesslet does say that right now the Health Department doesn't even have the Covid vaccine.

Roesslet stated she asked her staff what they are seeing in the environment right now and some stated they are still seeing some tick born illnesses and are hearing that Covid is ramping up, but the numbers don't show that yet. Roesslet says that they will start posting the data on the website the first of October.

There is some discussion about if the board wanted to make a statement about the vaccination schedule depending on what that ends up being. The board decided for the next meeting in October they would like to meet with someone from legal to discuss what it looks like in terms of written statements, speaking to council, and speaking on behalf of the board or themselves. They also came to a decision that there will be no Board of Health Meeting in November.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Day asks if there are any other comments.

There is a comment asking if there is anything about the kissing bug, Chagas. Roesslet says that she will look into if we have anything out about the kissing bug.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 9, 2025

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hernández Arroyo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Simelus. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.