



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes



Board of Health

Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:30 PM

Regular

Training Room 1
Public Health & Human
Services
1005 W. Worley St.
Columbia, MO 65203

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roesslet called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roesslet by default as the secretary will lead the meeting as there is no Chair or Co-Chair.

The Board gave introductions.

Present: 8 - Harry Feirman, Kathleen McKinney, Jonathan Heidt, Rosann Geiser, R. Wade Schuette, Sonita Simelus, Ella Miller and Ashton Day

Excused: 1 - Tom Rose

Absent: 2 - Jacqueline Fernald and Joseline Hernandez Arroyo

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Day moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Feirman. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Geiser moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 5-9-24](#)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of Officers: Chair and Co-Chair

Roesslet reviewed that the first order of business would be to select a new Chair and Co-Chair. Roesslet gave a brief overview of the two positions and the responsibilities that each the Chair and Co-Chair would have. At this time Heidt walked in at 5:33 PM. Roesslet continues to inquire if there are any nominations from the floor for the Chair and Co-Chair. There are no nominations at this time in the meeting. Roesslet suggests that the subject be brought up again later in the meeting and it is agreed upon by the board.

B. Review of Chapter 5-Animals & Fowl in City of Columbia Code of Ordinances Board Discussion

The discussion moves on to the subject of the review of Chapter 5-Animal & Fowl in City of Columbia Code of Ordinances. Roesslet leads the discussion, asking if doing a review of the ordinances would be something that the board would like to take on. The ordinances will not be reviewed during this meeting, there will only be a discussion on whether or not the review is something the board would like to do. Roesslet explained what the process entails along with how important the public input would be during the ordinance's review. Roesslet spoke about the ordinances development, which was in 1964, and stated most of what they would be doing was looking at what is still relevant, updating and cleaning up the ordinances to make them more current.

Roesslet entertained a motion to move forward with asking the City Council for the Board of Health to review Chapter 5-Animal & Fowl in City of Columbia Code of Ordinances.

McKinney moved to approve the review, seconded by Heidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Roesslet opened the floor back up to the discussion of Chair and Co-Chair.

Geiser nominates Day for Co-Chair, seconded by Feirman. Nomination passes unanimously.

Day nominates Heidt for Chair, seconded by Feirman. Nomination passes unanimously.

Heidt and Day are the newly appointed Chair and Co-Chair.

Feirman suggested formally changing the meeting schedule to meet monthly again instead of every other month.

Feirman motions to amend the agenda, seconded by Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discusses the idea of changing the meeting schedule so that there is a meeting once a month starting after the next meeting in January. Roesslet suggested scheduling the first six months, January through June, as monthly and then revisiting the subject at the end of the six months.

Geiser moved to change the meeting schedule in 2025 to meet monthly from January to June and revisit in June, seconded by Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

A. Director's Report-Rebecca Roesslet

Roesslet reports that they are anticipating a new project, a fetal infant mortality review project that the State Health Department is looking at and will be taking a regional approach, and our department has been chosen to take up the central regions review.

Roesslet went over current health trends such as there is an increase in walking pneumonia among children, and child vaccine rates are falling slightly. Roesslet went over the current events that are going on at the health department such as how they are waiting on a decision to see if they have been reaccredited or not, which is something that they should know sometime in December. Also interviews for the new assistant director.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Day mentions Federal changes and archiving data. Asking if there was a plan in place for doing so.

Gieser asked if anyone was able to attend the Boards and commissions training and was inquiring about the recording that they were supposed to receive that they have not received yet, Roesslet will look into that.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 9, 2025

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Day motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Heidt. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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