GREENE COUNTY

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

October 1, 2026

(26-10-01)

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, October 1, 2026, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Timothy Roop, Vice President; Rebecca Cantrell (virtual); Jane Clifton; Todd Dudley; Scott Hammond; William Harden; Ashley Hartmann; Angelia Mickle, DNP; and Nancy Terwoord. Excused: Sylvia Ellison, President; Connie Helmuth; Ratna Palakodeti, M.D.; and Will Urschel.

Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams; Jennifer Barga; Sheryl Wynn; and Olivia Detty.

With a quorum present, Mr. Roop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He announced that Ms. Cantrell was participating virtually.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Roop introduced the amended consent agenda, September 3, 2026, meeting minutes, and the September Income and Expenditure Report.

#26-10-01-02 Mr. Harden moved to approve the amended consent agenda, including the September 3, 2026, meeting minutes and the September Income and Expenditure Report. Ms. Clifton seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Tonight's presentation, titled "Conflict of Interest – Sunshine Laws – Communicating Outside of Meetings," was provided by Kent State University in collaboration with the Ohio Association of Boards of Health and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners.

The presentation lasted five minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby reviewed the September voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and fund transfers/temporary advances. There were no questions.

#26-10-01-01 Mr. Harden moved to approve the September voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and fund transfers/temporary advances. Ms. Terwoord seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Performance and Evaluation Committee – No report.

Planning and Finance Committee – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The public hearing and second reading of the proposed Environmental Health fees for 2027 took place. There were no guests in attendance for the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Adams conducted the first reading of the proposed 2027 hauled water storage fee.

Mr. Roop discussed the results of a survey sent to all board members regarding Board of Health presentation topics for CEUs and proposed meeting times to accommodate their schedules. The majority selected a 5:30 p.m. meeting time, with committee meetings scheduled for 5:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion, and no action was taken.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Ms. Barga, Community Health Services Director, shared that the HFA program had received reaccreditation, which is valid through 2030.

Dr. Sharrett provided an update to the board regarding two new vaccines: the mRNA flu vaccine, which is more effective but has more side effects and a higher cost. This vaccine has not been well studied in individuals over 65, so the traditional vaccine is still recommended for older patients. Additionally, there is a new COVID vaccine that covers the mild XFG strain. This vaccine is recommended for high-risk patients, optional for others, and has limited availability.

Dr. Sharrett reported that an application had been submitted for a Health Innovation Hub grant ($62 million per year for five years, with a $300 million total funding pool) covering a 31-county area. The organization is one of 12 applicants, and a decision is expected at the end of October. He recognized Health Commissioner Howell for her significant assistance with the grant application and outreach and provided the Board with a letter of appreciation for her.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Timothy Roop, Vice President

Melissa Howell, Secretary