




# MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting  
 650 Newtown Pike  
 January 9, 2023  
 5:45 p.m.

<p><b>ATTENDANCE</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Jack Cornett, Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Mike. Friesen, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Gregory Hood, Majd Jabbour, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Elizabeth Riley, and Dr. Jason Zimmerman.</p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
<p><b>TOPIC</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>
<p>Call to Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Foley called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. A quorum was declared.</li> </ul>
<p>Request for Approval: December 12, 2022 Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The December 12, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Hood made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Feld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>
<p>Interim CAO Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Cobb presented the following interim CAO report:</li> <li>• We are seeing covid numbers rising after the holidays, as well as an increase in flu. 355 new cases through January 7. 51 cases per day 7-day average. The community level was increased to medium, due to hospitalizations. The new rate is 15 for hospitalization. With at-home tests, it is difficult to get accurate numbers. The positivity rate was up by 2.45% to 14.4%, so we are seeing more positives in the community. We are still at 81% of our population vaccinated with at least one dose. There has not been as much uptake for booster doses. There have been hospitalizations among those vaccinated, but un-boosted. The BA5 variant is the most prevalent. XBB1.5 is causing an increase in other countries—it seems to be more transmissible.</li> <li>• We have 1828 flu cases. 57 cases were reported to DPH this week. Most continue to be type A. Only 14% of cases were vaccinated against flu. The statewide activity level is now regional, down from widespread. Madison and Clark are seeing increases. We are at a plateau.</li> <li>• No new Mpox cases since last month. 97 cases across the state. Not much demand for vaccination.</li> <li>• We have had an increase in monitoring of Ebola travelers—currently six from Uganda. A few had symptoms, but did not need</li> <li>• In the upcoming dates, looking at RFP for a payroll system. Dee. Hogston is working on that.</li> </ul>

- We will host a virtual town hall on January 17. Dr. Stack will be joining us. Staff are submitting questions for Dr. Stack. Will discuss public health.
- We have 750 responses to community survey. The board can still participate in a community conversation via the link L. Foley sent out today.
- EH has made great progress in collecting 2023 fees. There are 20 days left to get invoices in. A late fee will be charged after that. This year we have around 250 who haven't paid yet.
- Preparedness is restricting to regionalize the MRC units. We've done that for our region, but the state is now doing so, as well. We opted for the hybrid option which allows us to request funding.
- HANDS staff hosted a llama llama pajama party for program families. Games, crafts, reading with Lexington Public Library staff. Another event will be held in the spring, perhaps an egg hunt for Easter.
- There has been movement to change physician: Meredith has expressed support and will likely file the bill. The Babbage team will follow up with her. K. Allen-Bryant said Mayor Gorton was also supportive.
- Dr. Mason made a motion that the Board of Health into and conduct a closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), to discuss the potential appointment of a specific individual to the position of Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Commissioner of Health. This discussion will not concern general personnel matters, but will address the potential appointment of a specific individual to that position. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board entered closed session at 6:13 p.m.
- Dr. Mason made a motion that the Board of Health exit closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f). Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board exited closed session at 6:58 p.m.
- Dr. Mason made a motion that the Board of Health appoint Dr. Sheila Owens-Colling as the Commissioner of Health for the Lexington-Fayette County Urban County Health Department, contingent upon acceptance of the position and execution of a mutually agreeable contract. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Results are as recorded below:
  - Commissioner Allen-Bryant: non-voting (*ex-officio*)
  - Mr. Cornett: Yea
  - Dr. Dossett: Yea
  - Mr. Friesen: Yea
  - Dr. Gomez: Yea
  - Dr. Hood: Yea
  - Mr. Jabbour: Yea
  - Dr. Jackson: Yea
  - Dr. Mason: Yea
  - Councilmember Reynolds: Yea
  - Dr. Riley: Yea
  - Dr. Zimmerman: Yea
- The motion passed by unanimous yea vote.

Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive: Dr. Jackson reported we met last Thursday and discussed board membership and make-up. If any board members are not renewing for an additional term, they are requested to let Laura know as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Finance: Mr. Cornett invited Cara Kay to present the committee report. Ms. Kay reported November financials. We had a year-to-date surplus of \$4.47 million compared to a budgeted surplus of \$3.62 million. Year-to-date revenues were 98% of plan, while operating expenses were 88% of plan. Tax revenue for the month of November were \$6.67 million. The current cash account balance of \$38.55 million was up from \$31.86 million this time last year. We are developing an investment policy for potentially investing some of our cash reserve with the finance committee. She updated the finance committee regarding moving to new document retention company. We will launch that effort in the next couple of weeks. The mileage rate is going to increase by 2 cents to match the federal rate.</li> <li>• Marketing/Branding: No report.</li> <li>• Nominating/Bylaws: No report.</li> <li>• Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report.</li> <li>• Policy/Protocol: No report.</li> <li>• Ad-Hoc: The committee has completed its work and is disbanded.</li> </ul>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None presented.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Friesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.</li> </ul>

  
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 Rodney A. Jackson, Chairperson

  
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 Jessica Cobb, Interim Secretary