

Geauga Public Health
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

1. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Piraino, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 5:15 p.m.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Mr. Richard Piraino, President, Mr. David Gragg, Pro-Tem, Ms. Lynn Roman, Dr. Ashley Jones, Pharm.D. and Dr. Patricia Levan, MD

Staff members present: Thomas Quade, Health Commissioner, Carol Straniero, Nursing Director; (virtual) Alta Wendell, Director of Administration (virtual); David Sage, Environmental Health Director; Mark Citriglia, O & M Program Manager; and Dr. Jennifer Williams-Reid, Medical Director

Others present: Adam Litke, Fiscal and HR Consultant and approximately 120 county residents in-person and approximately 30 virtual.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Piraino asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2021 regular meeting of the Board. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Piraino stated that he felt the minutes did not need to be as detailed as they were.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Litke served as monitor for public comments. He outlined the process for the evening.

Public comment took 2 hours. Approximately 45 people were given 2 minutes to provide their comment.

Executive Session

Mr. Gragg moved to adjourn for executive session to discuss matters of personnel compensation and discipline. Dr. Levan seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Levan, yes; and Ms. Jones, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:14 pm.

Mr. Gragg moved to terminate Tom Quade as health commissioner pursuant to the terms of employment contract effective immediately. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Levan, yes; and Ms. Jones, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved to suspend the rest of the business of the Board until next month and offer adjournment. Dr. Levan seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Levan, yes; and Ms. Jones, yes.

4. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, **Wednesday, August 25, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Alta Wendell
Director of Administration