

**Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County  
June 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, on the third floor of the Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

**Present**

Tené H. Franklin, MS, Chair  
Calvin M. Smith III, MD, Vice-Chair  
Carol Etherington, RN, Member  
David A. Frederick, BS, Member  
A. Alex Jahangir, MD, Member  
Lloyda Williamson, MD, Member  
Gill C. Wright, III, MD, Director of Health  
Lauren Cromer, MS, RDN, CLC, Nutrition Services and WIC Program Director  
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director  
Angelina Hooper, RN, BSN, Immunization Program Manager  
Stephanie Kang, DrPH, Health Equity Bureau Director  
Angie Thompson, Behavioral Health and Wellness Division Director  
Michelle Runnfeldt, RN, BSN, Preventive Health Clinic Manager  
Katina Beard, MSPH, Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center  
Derrick Smith, JD, Metro Legal

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Point of Privilege**

Chair Franklin invited Ms. Etherington to exercise a point of privilege and introduce Patty Scott of the League of Women Voters, who was in attendance as an observer and was instrumental in the 1990s in efforts such as grant writing to place nurses in local public schools.

**Approval of May 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Frederick made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022, meeting minutes, as distributed. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Grant Applications**

Jim Diamond presented one application:

**Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency– EPA Air Pollution**

Term: August 1, 2022-July 31, 2024

Amount: \$51,000

**Ms. Etherington made a motion to approve the grant application. Vice-Chair Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Grants and Contracts**

Mr. Diamond presented seven items:

**1. Grant from Friends of Metro Animal Care & Control – Emergency Medical Fund Donation**

Term: NA

Amount: \$14,000

**2. Contract from the Tennessee Department of Health – Environmental Health Inspection**

Term: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027

Amount: \$4,000,000

- 3. Grant Amendment from the US Environmental Protection Agency – Air Pollution 103**  
Term: April 1, 2020-March 31, 2024  
Amount: \$32,500 (new total \$390,000)
- 4. Grant from the Tennessee Department of Health – TB Control and Prevention**  
Term: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023  
Amount: \$1,613,507
- 5. Contract with Martha O’Bryan - WIC**  
Term: June 1, 2022-May 31, 2027  
Amount: NA
- 6. Grant Amendment from the Health Resources & Services Administration – Ryan White Part A**  
Term: March 1, 2022-February 28, 2023  
Amount: \$3,164,527 (new total \$4,644,704)
- 7. Memorandum of Understanding with the Tennessee Department of Health – Newborn Screening Program**  
Term: NA  
Amount: NA

**Dr. Williamson made a motion to approve the grants and contracts. Ms. Etherington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **Pay Equity Study Update**

Mr. Diamond, Dr. Wright, and Mr. Frederick updated the Board on the status of the Pay Equity Study. Mr. Diamond had explained that Mayor Cooper’s proposed budget included funds for the study; that he expected approval by Metro Council; and engagement with Deloitte, the vendor conducting the study, would proceed at the onset of Fiscal Year 2023.

#### **Presentation on the State of Behavioral Health in the MPH D**

Angie Thompson provided an update on the Behavioral Health program ([Attachment I](#)). Chair Franklin thanked for her service, as she would be retiring in the near future.

Ms. Thompson invited Katina Beard, director of the Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center, to speak on the topic of behavioral health needs and impact, from the perspective of the Safety Net.

#### **Update on Childhood Immunizations**

Michelle Runnfeldt and Angelina Hooper provided an update on Childhood Immunizations ([Attachment II](#)).

Dr. Jahangir noted that the rates of childhood immunizations in Davidson County are higher than the state rates and praised the staff for their efforts.

#### **Presentation from Health Equity**

Stephanie Kang introduced the staff of the Health Equity bureau and provided an update on Health Equity ([Attachment III](#)).

#### **Resolution Honoring Dr. Alex Jahangir**

Chair Franklin read into the record the Resolution honoring Dr. Alex Jahangir, whose term on the Board of Health officially concludes July 9, 2022 ([Attachment IV](#)). Dr. Jahangir received a standing ovation from those in attendance and spoke briefly on his pride in the Department’s accomplishments during the past five years, during which he also served as Vice-Chair from November 2018-September 2019, and Chair from October 2019-September 2021.

#### **Report of the Director**

Dr. Wright referred to the update provided in the Board packet ([Attachment V](#)) and highlighted several elements.

Ms. Etherington asked for an update on the Department's response to the infant formula shortage. Lauren Cromer provided an explanation of efforts to abate the effects of the shortage over the last several months.

### **Report of Chair**

Chair Franklin read a prepared statement ([Attachment VI](#)).

Chair Franklin reminded the Board that the National Association of Local Boards of Health Annual Conference would be held August 1-3, 2022, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and encouraged members to state their interest in attending; the Department pays the expenses for one board member to attend. Vice Chair Smith and David Frederick expressed their interest and agreed to confirm their availability.

### **New Business / Review of Board Requests**

Board Requests:

- Review Health Equity Resolution: <https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/Board-Health-Resolution-Equity-March-14-2019.pdf?ct=1625154085>
- Review City and County Health Rankings: [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)
- NALBOH annual conference attendee determination
- Strategy regarding Behavioral Health/ bureau

### **Adjournment**

**Dr. Jahangir made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Ms. Etherington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

#### **Approval of Proposed Changes to the Health Department Pay Plan**

Mr. Diamond requested approval of the proposed changes to the Department's Pay Plan. The Board conducted the public hearing regarding the changes on May 12, 2022 ([Attachment VI](#)).

**Mr. Frederick made a motion to approve the changes to the Pay Plan as proposed. Vice-Chair Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **Personnel Changes**

Mr. Diamond referred to the May 2022, Personnel Changes.

### **Adjournment**

**Ms. Etherington made a motion to adjourn the Civil Service Board meeting. Vice-Chair Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022, in the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, on the third floor, at 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN, 37209.

Tené H. Franklin, MS  
Chair