The Reorganization Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on January 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey and remote participation.

1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:”

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

   Mr. John J. Mallon asked everyone to remember our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom that we practice every day.

3. Roll Call:

   Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
   Ms. Carol Blake – participated remotely
   Ms. Barbara Jo Crea
   Dr. Maurice Hill
   Ms. Veronica Laureigh
   Mr. Henry Mancini
   Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
   Senator Robert Singer
   Mr. John J. Mallon

   Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
   John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

4. Reorganization – Ocean County Board of Health – Election of Officers:

   On a motion made by Senator Robert Singer, and seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, Mr. John J. Mallon was nominated for Chairman of the Board. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh to close nominations for Chairman. The Board unanimously elected Mr. John J. Mallon as Chairman.

   On a motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, Senator Robert Singer was nominated as Vice-Chairman. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill to close nominations for Vice-Chairman. The Board unanimously elected Senator Robert Singer as Vice-Chairman.

   On a motion made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and seconded by Senator Robert Singer, Ms. Veronica Laureigh was nominated as Secretary-Treasurer. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Senator Robert Singer to close
nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. The Board unanimously elected Ms. Veronica Laureigh as Secretary-Treasurer.

5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

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Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 01(21) through 01(21) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions

Resolution 01(21) – Adoption of Year 2021 Temporary Budget – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 02(21) – Authorization to Pay Bills Emergent in Nature – Year 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 03(21) – Appointment of Board of Health Counsel – Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson, P.C. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 04(21) – Appointment of Board Labor Counsel – Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, P.C. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 05(21) – Appointment of Auditor – Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 06(21) – Appointment of Hearing Officer – Bonnie R. Peterson, Attorney at Law – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 07(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Silver Hammer Associates, Computer Consultant – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 08(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with DiPersia Technology Solutions, LLC for Information Technology Systems Monitoring and Maintenance – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 09(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Specialty Systems, Inc. for computer consulting – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 10(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with MES Diagnostics, LLC – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 11(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with University Radiology Group, P.C. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 12(21) – Authorization to enter into contract for HIV/AIDS Clinics – Margaret Uy Chung, MD – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 13(21) – Authorization to enter into contract for HIV/AIDS Clinics – Alfred DeLuca, MD – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 14(21) – Authorization to enter into contract for Consulting Physician – Andrew King, MD – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 15(21) – Authorization to enter into contract for Medical Director – Isabel Guerrero, MD – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 16(21) – Authorization to enter into contract for Consulting Physician – Travis Hendricks, DO – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 17(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement with Family Nurse Practitioner – Christine Filippone, for various clinical services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 18(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Optometrist – Frank A. Miele, O.D. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 19(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Ophthalmologist – Shore Eye Associates — Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 20(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement with Visiting Homecare Service of Ocean County for Adult Day Care – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 21(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with National Screening Services for Background Searches, Consulting and Training Matters – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 22(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Becht Engineering – Engineering Services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 23(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Maser Consulting – Engineering Services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 24(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with Remington & Vernick Engineering – Engineering Services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 25(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with T&M Associates – Engineering Services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 26(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement with AFLAC/Maestro Health for elective benefit plans for 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 27(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement with RWJBarnabas Health Corporate Care for fitness for duty testing – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Dr. Maurice Hill and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 28(21) – Authorization to procure insurance coverage as recommended by Conner Strong & Buckelew – for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 29(21) – Authorization to enter into business associate agreements – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 30(21) – Authorization to enter into HIPAA business associate agreements – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 31(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement with Cable Alternative for General Media and Marketing Services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 32(21) – Authorization for leases and purchases through New Jersey State Contract Awards – for the calendar year 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 33(21) – Authorization to make purchases under the County Cooperative Contract – for calendar year 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 34(21) – Authorization to enter into agreement for Transportation Services with Briggs Transportation, L.L.C. – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 35(21) – Authorization to enter into contract with TimeTrak Systems, Inc. – Time Management System Equipment and Maintenance (State Contract #41264) – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 36(21) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Suppression System, Inc., for fire suppression system maintenance services – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 37(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for maintenance for proprietary software and hardware for calendar year 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 38(21) – Authorization to execute documents to purchase from Interline Brands, Inc. dba Supply Works – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 39(21) – Authorization to execute agreements with any appropriate retailer or agency for loaner or rental equipment which is deemed necessary on an emergent basis – at an amount not to exceed $17,500 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 40(21) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – December 23, 2020 – $202,831.50 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #20-02909, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 41(21) – Finance Committee Report – January 6, 2021 – $173,942.88 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by , with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Item #20-02828; Ms. Carol Blake abstaining on Item #20-02948; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #20-02623, #20-02624, #20-02633 and #20-02756; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #20-02947; Ms Ruthanne Scaturo abstaining on Item #20-02839; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-02623, #20-02624, #20-02633, #20-02756 and #20-02827, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 42(21) – Personnel Committee Report – January 6, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 43(21) – Authorization to offer flu vaccinations free of charge – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 44(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Banquest Payment Systems – Credit Card Services – not to exceed $5,000.00 – for calendar year 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 45(21) – Authorization to purchase the database to develop program and policy to reduce overdose deaths – at a cost not to exceed $6,500.00 – and authorization to enter into an agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office for the management of the database – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 46(21) – Authorization to accept New Jersey Department of Human Services-Division of Disability Services Inclusive Healthy Community Grant Program – in an amount not to exceed $250,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 47(21) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project Grant – in an amount not to exceed $195,762.00 – for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 48(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Long Beach Island Health Department – Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) – offset some of their costs associated with lead case management and environmental actions – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 49(21) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission – for sole purpose of retrieving driver abstracts for those citizens ordered to attend Ocean County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center – at a cost not to exceed $150.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 50(21) – Appointment of Ocean County Board of Health Risk Manager – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 51(21) – Appointment of the Affirmative Action Officer – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 52(21) – Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agents – Oren Thomas and Mary McCarthy – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 53(21) – Authorization for Acceptance of Bids – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 54(21) – Appointment of Compliance Officer – ADA – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 55(21) – Appointment of Assistant Secretary – Brian Rumpf or in his absence, Daniel Regeny – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Barbara Jo Crea and unanimously approved.

Resolution 56(21) – Adoption of Cash Management Plan – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 57(21) – Designation of Bank Depositories – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 58(21) – Appointment of the Public Agency Compliance Officer – Oren Thomas – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 59(21) – Appointment of Cancer Ad Hoc Committee – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 60(21) – Appointment of Ombudsman for Home Health Services – Karen Barish – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 61(21) – Appointment of Ocean County Health Department HIPAA/Compliance Officer – Andrew King, MD – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.
7. Comments: Commissioner Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

Comments from Commissioner Little: Commissioner Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners was absent from today’s meeting.

8. Other Matters:

Seasonal Influenza: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the State of New Jersey is at a low influenza activity level. Mr. Regenye feels that the precautionary measures that are in place for COVID would certainly help as we go through the peak period for the seasonal flu.

COVID-19: Mr. Regenye provided an update on COVID activities. Mr. Regenye discussed the COVID vaccination clinics that are held at Toms River High School North. Mr. Regenye stated that 1,450 individuals were vaccinated meeting the 1A criteria at this point. Mr. Regenye added that today the Health Department will be holding their eighth (8th) vaccination clinic.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department received vaccine on December 23, 2020 and began vaccinating on December 24, 2020. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the Health Department has gone through the initial order of 1,500 doses and will be going into the second supply of 3,000 doses; also, an order for additional vaccine will be placed for 10,500 doses.

Mr. Regenye discussed the COVID testing site at the Ocean County College. Mr. Regenye stated that the testing site is still operational six (6) days a week, noting that the seasonal nurses are working both the COVID testing site and the COVID vaccination clinics. Mr. Regenye stated that nearly 21,000 tests were performed since the testing site began in March. Mr. Regenye informed the Board of a larger temporary structure that has been constructed at the Ocean County College in order to continue the testing through the wintertime and inclement weather. Mr. Regenye stated that in Ocean County there are around 35,000 cases and over 1,300 deaths.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department continues to work with all of our healthcare partners and other stakeholder partners with the COVID response. Mr. Regenye feels overall it is going well and hopefully the vaccine is the beginning of the end and to be able to move through as we progress through 2021.

Chairman Mallon asked if the COVID vaccine is voluntary. Mr. Regenye responded that it is voluntary and has heard nothing from the New Jersey Department of Health numerous conference calls stating any mandates; anyone who is interested and volunteers may receive the vaccine as we go through the phases 1A, 1B, 1C and ultimately phase 2 which is the general population. Chairman Mallon complimented Mr. Daniel Regenye and the staff on a very smooth operation with the vaccinations. Chairman Mallon stated that the Ocean County Health Department is probably the leader in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Maurice Hill inquired about the different phases. Mr. Regenye explained that 1A is beginning with hospital workers who would have received the Pfizer vaccine about three weeks ago. Mr. Regenye also explained that through the federal government, there were co-ops with some pharmacies to be able to handle the long-term care facilities and the assisted living facilities. Shortly after that the Ocean County Health Department, as well as Ocean Health
Initiatives and CHEMED (federally qualified health centers) received vaccine to vaccinate healthcare workers and other individuals that meet that criteria, broadly defining healthcare workers as anyone in a support function with a healthcare institution, both paid and unpaid.

Mr. Regenye continued to phase 1B which included police and firefighters, frontline essential workers, teachers and individuals age 75 and over. Mr. Regenye stated that 1C includes people over the age of 65 and anyone between 18 and 64 with underlying health condition that will put them at high risk and then phase 2, which is the general population.

**Condolences:** Senator Robert Singer extended his condolences on behalf of the Board to Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance on the passing of her husband, Doug who was a previous employee of the Health Department.

**COVID Vaccine Eligibility:** Senator Robert Singer informed the Board that he will be on a call with Governor Murphy and will urge that the vaccine be available to people in phase 1B. Senator Singer feels that the Ocean County Health Department would be capable to move forward. Senator Singer believes it is important to get people vaccinated. Also, Senator Singer discussed the necessity of getting many more doses of the vaccine for the clinics.

9. **Comments from the Public:** Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker: Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

10. **Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary:** Closed Session was not needed at this time.

11. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.