

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 April 6, 2022  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

### 1. Reading of "Open Public Meeting Act:"

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to please remain standing for a moment of silence to remember Mr. Joseph Przywara, retired Public Health Coordinator of the Ocean County Health Department.

### 3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
 Dr. Maurice Hill  
 Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
 Mr. Henry Mancini  
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
 Senator Robert Singer  
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator  
 John Sahradiuk, Board Counsel  
 Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

### 4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, with Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Abstain						X		
Nays								
Absent								

5. Acceptance of Correspondence – Ocean County Board of Commissioners' resolution appointing Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, Senator Robert Singer, and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro as members of the Ocean County Board of Health for a three-year term to expire March 23, 2025:

Motion was made for acceptance of correspondence by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman congratulated Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, Senator Robert Singer and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro on their reappointments to the Ocean County Board of Health.

## **6. Introduction of the Proposed 2022 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 89(22):**

**Resolution 89(22)** – Introduction of the Proposed 2022 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mallon stated that the public hearing for the 2022 Ocean County Board of Health budget is scheduled for May 11, 2022 to be held here at the Ocean County Health Department, 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 90(22) through 115(22) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## **7. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 90(22)** – Finance Committee Report – April 6, 2022 - \$218,105.57 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #22-00200, #22-00258, #22-00482, #22-00556, #22-00557 and #22-00559; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #22-00415; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-00200, #22-00258, #22-00482, #22-00556, #22-00557 and #22-00559, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 91(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – April 6, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining on Item #20, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 92(22)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Para-Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 93(22)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 94(22)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Registered Environmental Health Specialist personnel – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 95(22)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Non-Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 96(22)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 97(22)** – Award of bid for Hemopoint H2 Photometer Supplies to EKF Diagnostics dba Stanbio Laboratory – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 98(22)** – Authorization to enter into contract with Briggs Transportation LLC – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 99(22)** – Authorization for the Township of Berkeley and the Township of Little Egg Harbor be requested to pay all appropriate surrender fees for the dogs named on Appendix A – and authorization to waive all impound/holding fees – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 100(22)** – Authorization to apply for the HIV, STD and TB Services (DHSTS) Ryan White Part B Program – partial grant #DHST21RWB011 – in an amount not to exceed \$121,022.00 – for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 101(22)** – Authorization to apply for the Municipal Alliance Year One Division of Mental Health and Addition Services Youth Leadership Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$83,897.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through March 14, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 102(22)** – Authorization to apply for the Special Child Health Services Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 103(22)** – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program 2022 Activity C Grant additional funding – in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 – for a new revised amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 – for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 104(22)** – Authorization to enter into the annual Quality Assurance Project Plan – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 105(22)** – Authorization to enter into Letters of Understanding to participate in chronic disease screenings and host a community garden box at the Toms River Field of Dreams supporting the goals and objectives of the Ocean County Health Department's Inclusive Gardening: Cultivating Health For All – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 106(22)** – Authorization to pre-position various Public Health emergency response equipment to any pre-identified and approved Point of Distribution written into the agency emergency response plans of the Ocean County Health Department – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 107(22)** – Recognition of May 2022 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 108(22)** – Recognition of May 2022 as High Blood Pressure Education Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 109(22)** – Recognition of May 2022 as National Stroke Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 110(22)** – Recognition of May 2022 as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 111(22)** – Recognition of May 1-7, 2022 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 112(22)** – Recognition of May 8-14, 2022 as National Women’s Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 113(22)** – Recognition of May 23-27, 2022 as National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 114(22)** – Recognition of May 6-12, 2022 as National Nurses Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 115(22)** – Recognition of May 6, 2022 as National School Nurse Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## **8. Comments: Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:**

**Comments from Commissioner Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners congratulated Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, Senator Robert Singer and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro on their reappointment as members of the Ocean County Board of Health for three more years. Commissioner Quinn stated that he appreciates their commitment and good work over the years on the Board of Health.

Commissioner Quinn congratulated the entire Board and the Health Department staff for all the work done over the last two years. Commissioner Quinn noted that at today’s Public Health Week Tree Dedication Ceremony, the staff would be congratulated and recognized for all their hard work. Commissioner Quinn stated that the work done by the staff in attendance at today’s Board of Health meeting, the teams that are put together, and those behind the scenes make the Ocean County Board of Commissioners look good. Commissioner Quinn added that the Ocean County Health Department deserves the recognition for all that has been accomplished. In addition, Commissioner Quinn stated that moving forward, the next year we would really start to see the pandemic behind us, the COVID days would be in the past. Commissioner Quinn thanked each and every one at the meeting.

## 9. Other Matters:

**Budget:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the proposed budget has a flat tax rate and highlights of the proposed budget are included in the Board packets. Mr. Regenye thanked Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development and Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance for all their work and overseeing the Finance Department. Mr. Regenye also thanked Mr. Brian Waldron from our auditors, Holman Frenia Allison, P.C.

Mr. Brian Waldron emphasized the proposed budget does not have any tax increase, adding that this would be the third year in a row with no tax increase. Mr. Waldron discussed some of the highlights. Mr. Waldron stated that the budget is stable especially since overall costs are increasing in our world today. Mr. Waldron acknowledged Mr. Rumpf and Ms. McCarthy for putting the budget together. Mr. Waldron stated that he would be back in May for the public hearing for the 2022 Ocean County Board of Health Budget.

**By-Laws:** Mr. Regenye referred to the Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws that are included in the Board packet. Mr. Regenye stated that the By-Laws require an annual review. Mr. Regenye noted that the By-Laws have been reviewed administratively; no changes are recommended at this time. Mr. Regenye stated that at a future Board of Health meeting there would be a conversation regarding the By-Laws.

**COVID-19:** Mr. Regenye stated that the Board packets have the COVID update report. Mr. Regenye stated that the numbers of positive cases do remain low; adding that the severity of the illness, hospitalizations, and all the meaningful indicators are at a much lower level now. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department does continue to remain vigilant and continues to monitor COVID.

**Public Health Staff:** Mr. Regenye stated that as we celebrate Public Health Week, it is a great time to look back at the last two years and reflect, celebrate and acknowledge some of the outstanding staff here at the Ocean County Health Department. Mr. Regenye acknowledged the supervisory staff present at today's Board of Health meeting, stating that they facilitated many of the COVID response activities discussed over the past two years. Mr. Regenye provided details of some of the activities and the challenges. Mr. Regenye discussed all the departments within the agency taking on very important roles and stepping up. Mr. Regenye also discussed working with the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, the Ocean County Administration, the Ocean County Sheriff's Department, Ocean County Emergency Management, Ocean County College, Ocean County Library, Ocean County Office of Senior Services, along with many external partners such as the hospitals, community based organizations, and FQHC's.

Mr. Regenye discussed the different components to combat COVID including testing, contact tracing, vaccinations, risk communication and educating the public, building maintenance, assisting the schools and the long-term care facilities, all during very challenging times.

Mr. Regenye noted that the Ocean County Health Department took the COVID-19 pandemic experience and built it based on previous responses, programs, experiences and practices, including clinical, administrative, financial, risk communication, advisory, etc.

Mr. Regenye thanked the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the Ocean County Board of Health for their support through the years to be able to put such an amazing team in place to meet the ever-changing needs and the challenges through the years. Mr. Regenye expressed a huge thank you to all the supervisory staff present and all their direct reports for their remarkable work and commitment. Mr. Regenye stated that he could not have asked for anything more. Mr. Regenye discussed that COVID has effected everyone in one way or another. Many personal sacrifices were made by the staff to meet the high-level professional Public Health COVID-19 response needs.

Chairman Mallon stated that it is true; all the staff have put a lot of time and a lot of effort the last two years. Chairman Mallon added that he has been stopped many times on the streets complimenting the Health Department staff, how the Health Department operates, how polite, courteous and helpful the staff is. Chairman Mallon thanked the staff.

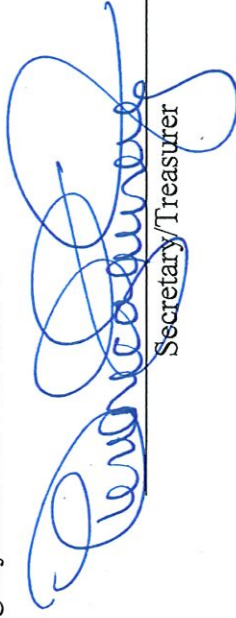
Ms. Veronica Laureigh stated that surely a pandemic is nothing shy of what brings a plight to our agency and everything we do and we did shine through this. Ms. Laureigh added that many people in the county better understand what the Ocean County Board of Health does and offers to our residents and visitors. Ms. Laureigh stated that there are still many clinics being held and they seem to be very strong. Ms. Laureigh applauds each and every one of the staff for everything that was done over the past two years and continue to do, also the work done previously to have to prepare for what was going to place two years ago.

Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator stated that it is rare for a person at the top to get accolades and Mr. Regenye has provided leadership for the staff and the agency. Ms. High continued that it gets overlook when it is as difficult at times, as it was. Ms. High thanked Mr. Regenye.

**10. 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.

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

**12. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer