

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
January 4, 2023  
9:30 AM

The Reorganization Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on January 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey.

### **1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:”**

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. John J. Mallon asked everyone to remember our freedom that is protected by our military service members.

### **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

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

### **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 for the calendar year 2023. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, 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. Theresa Kubiel, Senator Robert Singer was nominated as Vice-Chairman for the calendar year 2023. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Dr. Maurice Hill, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel to close nominations for Vice-Chairman. The Board unanimously elected Senator Robert Singer as Vice-Chairman.

On a motion made by Senator Robert Singer, and seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, Ms. Veronica Laureigh was nominated as Secretary-Treasurer for the calendar year 2023. Additional nominations were requested. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr.

Theresa Kubiell 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, the open meeting minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 01(23) through 28(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## 6. Adoption of Resolutions

**Resolution 01(23)** – Adoption of Year 2023 Temporary Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 02(23)** – Authorization to Pay Bills Emergent in Nature – Year 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 03(23)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – December 28, 2022 – \$65,127.47 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 04(23)** – Finance Committee Report – January 4, 2023 – \$233,754.23 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Item #22-03186; Dr. Theresa Kubiell abstaining on Items #22-03057, #22-03200, and #22-03201; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-02810, #22-02889, #22-02891 and #22-03187 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining on Item #22-03188; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-03057, #22-03189, #22-03200 and #22-03201; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item # 22-03190 and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 05(23)** – Personnel Committee Report – January 4, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 06(23)** – Authorization for the Animal Facilities employees a one-time change on the accumulation and usage of vacation leave – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 07(23)** – Authorization to enter into contracts with non-participating municipalities – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 08(23)** – Authorization to enter into contract with United Communities, McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2023 through



December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 09(23)** – 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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 10(23)** – Authorization to amend resolution 141(22) with Linda Dzedzic, D.V.M – in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 – for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 11(23)** – Authorization to apply for the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Youth Leadership Grant – Grant Term Two under the Municipal Alliance Program – in an amount not to exceed \$83,897.00 – for the period September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 12(23)** – Authorization to approve the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the allocation of funds for the DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant through the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Municipal Alliance Program – in an amount not to exceed \$83,897.00 – for the period September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Berkeley; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Lacey; and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Berkeley, Brick, Eagleswood, Jackson, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Ocean, Seaside Park, Toms River and Tuckerton, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 13(23)** – Authorization to apply for and accept an increase for the Special Child Health Case Management Grant – in an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 – for a new total amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 – 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 14(23)** – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Health Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$725,860.00 – 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 15(23)** – Authorization to rescind adopted resolution 136(22) and to follow the fee schedule adopted on January 6, 2016 through resolution 39(16) – to be effective January 4, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously.

**Resolution 16(23)** – Authorization to amend resolution 300(22) with Christine Filippone – to include Director of Nursing duties – in a new total amount not to exceed \$61,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 17(23)** – Appointment of Ocean County Board of Health Risk Manager – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 18(23)** – Appointment of the Affirmative Action Officer – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 19(23)** – Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent – Oren Thomas – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 20(23)** – Authorization for Acceptance of Bids – Motion was made by Senator Robert Signer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 21(23)** – Appointment of Compliance Officer – ADA – Brian Rumpf – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 22(23)** – Appointment of Assistant Secretary – Brian Rumpf or in his absence, Daniel Regenye – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 23(23)** – Appointment of the Public Agency Compliance Officer – Oren Thomas – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 24(23)** – Appointment of Cancer Ad Hoc Committee – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 25(23)** – Appointment of Ombudsman for Home Health Services – Karen Barish – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 26(23)** – Appointment of Ocean County Health Department Medical Director – Andrew King, MD – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 27(23)** – Appointment of Ocean County Health Department HIPAA/Compliance Officer – Andrew King, MD – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 28(23)** – Appointment of Ocean County Health Department Director of Infection Control – Isabel Guerrero, MD – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Comments from Commissioner Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Gary Quinn congratulated Mr. John J. Mallon, Senator Robert Singer, and Ms. Veronica Laureigh as the newly elected officers of the Ocean County Board of Health for 2023. Commissioner Quinn stated that the Ocean County Board of Health does a fantastic job and the Commissioner is looking forward to another great year as the liaison. Commissioner Quinn thanked the staff and recognized the amazing work of the staff and volunteers at the Ocean County Animal Facilities. Commissioner Quinn did comment on the extraordinary circumstance that the staff and volunteers had to face with the 180 rescue animals from the residence in Brick. Commissioner stated that the care of all the animals is absolutely great.

Commissioner Quinn thanked the Ocean County Board of Health and the staff of the Ocean County Health Department. Commissioner Quinn wished everyone a Happy New Year, hoping it is a great and prosperous year.



## 7. Other Matters:

**Recognition:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer thanked the Ocean County Board of Health and Ocean County Commissioners and Administration for a successful 2022. Mr. Regenye recognized the partners across the county, their collaboration, phenomenal work and support. Mr. Regenye stated that there are still many challenges ahead and it is great to have support of dedicated people and agencies throughout the county.

**Rescued animals:** Mr. Regenye provided an update regarding the 180 rescued animals in Brick. Mr. Regenye stated that as of this morning 95 of the 180 animals have been adopted. Mr. Regenye discussed the remarkable care for all the animals from staff and volunteers at the animal facilities, all the managers, the animal attendants, the veterinarians, the vet techs, all the volunteers along with Health Department staff.

Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro inquired about the rescued dog that originally was from Tennessee. Mr. Regenye explained the many steps that ultimately brought the dog to New Jersey.

Mr. Regenye stated that over 14 years ago the Board had the foresight to meet the needs of the unforeseen future and acquired a site in Barnegat. Mr. Regenye added that this site has been vital in many situations and has proven to be an asset to the County of Ocean.

**Respiratory illness:** Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department continues to monitor respiratory illness. Mr. Regenye noted that there is slight decline in the number of cases even with seeing high levels of COVID-19 and high levels of seasonal flu activity. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that the seasonal flu vaccine used for this year is a good match to what is circulating. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department is still encouraging people to get their flu vaccination and they would be protected two weeks following the vaccination. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is still offering vaccination opportunities throughout the county.

**OCHD staff:** Mr. Regenye thanked the staff that has helped achieve all the goals of 2022 and looking forward to a successful 2023.

**Private Wells:** Dr. Maurice Hill thanked Mr. Regenye for all his help with a Toms River resident's well water testing positive for contaminants. Dr. Hill provided the details. Dr. Hill requested that a link be posted on the Ocean County Health Department website to provide residents with well testing information. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department has been working on this last week and there are wells that are testing positive with contaminants. Mr. Regenye stated that the link should be live and will send the link to Dr. Hill. Mr. Regenye also stated that there are tips on the Ocean County Health Department website. Mr. Regenye noted that there are no requirements, only through the Health Department ordinance private wells are to be tested when there is a real estate transaction. Mr. Regenye advised that it is in the best interest of the residents to test the water of their private well for their own health and well being. Ms. Veronica Laureigh asked if the water is used in a household.



**Damar Hamlin:** Dr. Hill discussed the incident of the Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin causing him to go into cardiac arrest. Dr. Hill wishes Mr. Hamlin well.

**Animal adoption:** It was mentioned that the Ocean County Health Department has been contacted requesting we hold seven (7) dogs from the hoarding case as they were pets of the two parties arrested. Senator Robert Singer discussed the inhumane condition of the 180 animals rescued from the Brick residence. Senator Singer stated that Mr. Sahradnik should look at the court case and work with the prosecutors of this case and request that these dogs are not held up and that these dogs should be released to the Health Department so they could be adopted.


**Accolades:** Dr. Theresa Kubiel praised work by several Ocean County Health Department staff. Dr. Kubiel recognized all the work that Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services is doing with the Community Health Improvement Program for Ocean County. Dr. Kubiel stated that Ms. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcohol Coordinator provided a great presentation to the Ocean County Police Chiefs Association in November on our Opioid Team Response Program. Dr. Kubiel acknowledged Mr. Brian Lippai, Chief Administrative Services for all the information he has been putting out on social media. Dr. Kubiel added that everyone is doing great work at the Health Department under the leadership of Mr. Regenye and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development. Dr. Kubiel concluded with a thank you to all.

Chairman Mallon stated that many people are surprised to learn all the different programs/services provided by the Ocean County Health Department. Chairman Mallon thanked the staff and wished everyone a Healthy, Happy New Year.

**8. 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

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

**10. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

  
Assistant Secretary