

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 March 22, 2023  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 22, 2023 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 join him in honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

**3. Roll Call:**

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
 Dr. Avinash Gupta  
 Dr. Maurice Hill  
 Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
 Senator Robert Singer  
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator  
 Mathew Thompson, Board Counsel  
 Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, the open meeting minutes from the March 1, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

## 5. Introduction of the Proposed 2023 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 87(23):

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the Introduction of the Proposed 2023 Ocean County Board of Health Budget.

**Resolution 87(23)** – Introduction of the Proposed 2023 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 88(23) through 114(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

## 6. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 88(23)** – Finance Committee Report – March 22, 2023 - \$682,762.71 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #22-03171 #22-03191 #22-03234, #23-00231 #23-00522 and #23-00523; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #22-03171 #22-03191 #22-03234, #23-00231 #23-00522 and #23-00523; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-03171 #22-03191 #22-03234, #23-00231 #23-00522 and #23-00523, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 89(23)** – Personnel Committee Report – March 22, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Item #11, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 90(23)** – Authorization to approve annual vacation benefit time – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 91(23)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Para-Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 92(23)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 93(23)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Non-Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 94(23)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Supervisory White Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 95(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC – for developing a public health emergency response plan for Ocean County, New Jersey that address critical aspects of public health response in accordance with standard as NIMS and ASPER PHEP and Response Capabilities – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period March 22, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 96(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with BP Print Group – for marketing, branding and website design services – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for

the period March 22, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 97(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Township of Lakewood – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Lakewood Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 98(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Ocean Gate – for the provision of administrative and programmatic Ocean Gate Municipal Alliance oversight – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 99(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Ocean Gate – for the delivery and administration of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Youth Leadership Grant – Grant Term Two – for the period September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 100(23)** – Authorization to write off a total of \$15,096.83 as uncollectible – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 101(23)** – Authorization for Mr. Mukesh Roy to attend the 2023 NACCHO Preparedness Summit, Recover, Renew: Reprioritizing All Hazard Preparedness – in Atlanta, Georgia – for the period April 24-27, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 102(23)** – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health HIV/AIDS Ryan White Part B Program – in an amount not to exceed \$355,946.00 – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 103(23)** – Authorization to enter into Linkage Agreements to accept and provide referrals to HIV Prevention and Treatment programs – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on RWJBarnabas; Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on RWJBarnabas and Ocean County College; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on RWJBarnabas, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 104(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Rutgers Health-Community Medical Center – to provide clinical rotation to the Internal Medicine Residency Program – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Avinash Gupta, Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 105(23)** – Recommendations to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for appointment and reappointments to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 106(23)** – Recognition of May 2023 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 107(23)** – Recognition of May 2023 as High Blood Pressure Education Month – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 108(23)** – Recognition of May 2023 as National Stroke Month – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 109(23)** – Recognition of May 2023 as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 110(23)** – Recognition of May 1-7, 2023 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 111(23)** – Recognition of May 14-20, 2023 as National Women’s Health Week – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 112(23)** – Recognition of May 22-26, 2023 as National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 113(23)** – Recognition of May 6-12, 2023 as National Nurses Week – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 114(23)** – Recognition of May 10, 2023 as National School Nurse Day – Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

## **7. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:**

**Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners stated that Dr. Avinash Gupta, Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and Ms. Veronica Laureigh were reappointed to the Board of Health at the last Board of Commissioners’ meeting. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn thanked them and all the Board members for volunteering their time to serve.

Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn commented that it is nice to see so many of the staff at the Board of Health meeting. The Commissioner stated that they are all doing a fantastic job.

Chairman Mallon asked if any Board of Health member had any comments.

**Health Fair:** Ms. Jennifer Bacchione stated that on March 3, 2023 a health fair was held in Berkeley. Ms. Bacchione added that Dr. Theresa Kubiel was at the fair, Ms. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcoholism Coordinator was amazing, and also in attendance at the fair was Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services. Ms. Bacchione stated that the health fair was great, there was a great crowd, and the event was really outstanding. In addition, Ms. Bacchione commented that there were requests for another health fair, most likely to be held in the fall and coordinate it with the flu shots. Ms. Bacchione concluded that the health fair was great for the community in the Berkeley Holiday City area serving many seniors from the community.

## 8. Public Health Week: April 3-9, 2023

**Public Health Week:** Chairman Mallon reminded everyone that Public Health Week is April 3-9, 2023. Chairman Mallon stated that Public Health Week should encourage people to embrace preventive lifestyle habits to maximize their health.

## 9. Other Matters:

**Berkeley Holiday City:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated that the health fair at Berkeley Holiday City was phenomenal. Mr. Regenye added that it is a privilege to go out to the community, meet the residents and provide services, and we are looking forward to future health fairs.

**Proposed budget highlights:** Mr. Regenye stated that the proposed 2023 Board of Health Budget was introduced today and asked Ms. Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance, to provide some budget highlights. Ms. McCarthy stated that there is a 1.5% increase in the ratable which made it possible to make repairs and rehabilitate the Barnegat property. Ms. McCarthy continued that it is fortunate this year there was only a 4.5% anticipated increase in health benefit costs; no tax increase for this year; only utilized 30% of the fund balance; and able to continue with vehicle replacement to update the aging fleet.

Dr. Maurice Hill commented on the increased ratable. Dr. Hill stated that Toms River had their revaluations done last year. Dr. Hill believes every town in Ocean County will be going through revaluation/reassessment in the next year or two because property value fell below the 85% market value, the way properties took off. Dr. Hill stated that the revaluations were mandated by the Ocean County Board of Taxation.

**Board of Health packet:** Mr. Regenye referred to the Board of Health packet. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Board of Health By-Laws were included in the packet. Mr. Regenye explained that the By-Laws require an annual review. Mr. Regenye added that at the next Board of Health meeting, there will be a formal re-adoption of the By-Laws. Mr. Regenye commented that the By-Laws have been reviewed and there are no recommended changes at this time.

Mr. Regenye stated that also in the packet was a flyer for the Northern Ocean County Animal Facility Spring Fling on April 1, 2023. Mr. Regenye commented that the event will promote the facility and the great work done there along with trying to get some of the animals adopted. Mr. Regenye provided an update regarding the Brick Township animal hoarding situation, and is happy to announce that those animals have been adopted. Mr. Regenye stated that the Spring Fling is a great event coming up.

**Public Health Week Recognition:** Mr. Regenye stated that Chairman Mallon had mentioned Public Health Week and this Board of Health meeting is the last meeting before Public Health Week. Mr. Regenye thanked the Ocean County Commissioners, Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn, and the County of Ocean Administration for the paver patio at the front of the Ocean County Health Department building. Mr. Regenye stated that last year for Public Health Week Recognition two trees were planted and this year there is a paver patio around the trees and benches are being ordered for the patio, all in recognition of the Public Health workers who make a difference every day.

Mr. Regenye discussed the two framed artwork pieces displayed in the Boardroom. Mr. Regenye explained the artwork acknowledges some of the major benchmarks. Mr. Regenye stated that many of the key staff at today's Board meeting help in achieving those benchmarks. Mr. Regenye also stated that one of the nurses, Lisa Loewenstein, created the two artwork pieces using the red, blue, pink and purple caps that were the caps of the COVID vaccine bottles. Mr. Regenye noted that the two framed artwork pieces will be on display here at the Ocean County Health Department in recognition of the great work the staff has done as part of this year's Public Health Week celebration.

**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:**

Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to open the floor to the public, motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved. No one wished to speak. Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to close the floor to the public, motion was by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

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

**12. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

  
Assistant Secretary