

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 December 6, 2023
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on December 6, 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
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Mr. Henry Mancini
- Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

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

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh, Mr. Henry Mancini, Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Mr. Henry Mancini, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione and Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 323(23) through 385(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 323(23) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – November 22, 2023 - \$71,322.16 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 324(23) – Finance Committee Report – December 6, 2023 - \$568,484.58 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Gupta abstaining on Items #23-02631, #23-02803, #23-02810, #23-02921 and #23-03007; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #23-02818 and #23-02819; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #23-02558, #23-02703, #23-02704, #23-02818, #23-02819, #23-02847, #23-02848 and #23-02961; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #23-02631, #23-02803, #23-02810, #23-02921 and #23-03007, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 325(23) – Personnel Committee Report – December 6, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #17, and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #17, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 326(23) – Salary increments for part time personnel – effective December 7, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 327(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Linda Dzedzic, DVM, LLC – to provide veterinary services – in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 328(23) – Authorization to amend the agreement with Isabel Guerrero, MD – in an amended amount not to exceed \$22,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 329(23) – Authorization to amend the agreement with Christine Filippone, PhD – in an amended amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 330(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with JBI Soul Kitchen – to host a focus group with businesses within Ocean County to learn about their experiences with substance use disorder and overdose – in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 – on Friday, January 26, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 331(23) – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to allocate funds for the State FY 2025 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Municipal Alliance Program – total amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, 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, Stafford, Toms River and Tuckerton, and unanimously approved.

- Resolution 332(23)** – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate funds from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ocean County Board of Health – for the to be determined line item in Resolution 301(23) – in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 – totaling amount not to exceed \$1,645,866.00 – effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 333(23)** – Appointment of Board Labor Counsel – Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, P.C. – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 334(23)** – Appointment of Board of Health Counsel – Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, P.C. – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 335(23)** – Appointment of Broker of Record – Conner, Strong & Buckelew – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 336(23)** – Appointment of Auditor – Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. – in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for annual audit – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 337(23)** – Appointment of Hearing Officer – Bonnie R. Peterson, Attorney at Law – in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 338(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Silver Hammer Associates, Computer Consultant – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 339(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with DiPersia Technology Solutions, LLC for Information Technology Systems Monitoring and Maintenance – in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 340(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract for Clinical Services – Isabel Guerrero, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 341(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract for Consulting Physician – Andrew King, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 342(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract for Consulting Physician – Travis Hendricks, DO – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 343(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract for Clinical Services – Margaret Uy Chung, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through

December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 344(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Christine Filippone – for Nurse Practitioner Services for Clinics and Director of Nursing services for the Ocean County Health Department – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 345(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Christina Carrier – for Nurse Practitioner Services for Clinic – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 346(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with MESS Diagnostic, LLC – in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 347(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with University Radiology Group, P.C. – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 348(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Optometrist Frank A. Miele, OD – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 349(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Visiting HomeCare Service of Ocean County – for Adult Day Care – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 350(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with National Screening Services for Background Searches, Consulting and Training Matters – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 351(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with RWJBarnabas Health Corporate Care for fitness for duty testing – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 352(23) – Authorization to renew the agreement with AFLAC/HealthEquity for elective benefit plans – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 353(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Becht Engineering – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 354(23) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

- Resolution 355(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with T&M Associates – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 356(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Production House for General Media and Marketing Services – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 357(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for maintenance for proprietary software and hardware – in an amount not to exceed \$22,721.46 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 358(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Suppression Systems, Inc. for fire suppression system maintenance services – in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 359(23)** – Authorization to execute documents to purchase from the Home Depot Pro through OMNIA Partners contract #16154 – for cleaning supplies, equipment and custodial related products, services and solutions – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 360(23)** – Authorization to execute document to purchase from CINTAS Corporation through OMNIA Partners Cooperative contract #R-BB-19002 – for First Aid & Safety Supplies – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 361(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Banquest Payment Systems – credit card services – in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 362(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with EasyPay – credit card services – clinics – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 363(23)** – Authorization to enter into a contract with Elavon – credit card services – animal care facilities – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 364(23)** – Authorization to execute a contract with GoTo Technologies USA, Inc. – for Information Technology Support – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 365(23)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Rosetto Realty Group, LLC – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.
- Resolution 366(23)** – Authorization to renew the agreement with Apple, Inc. to access and have the ability to download the Ocean County Health Department Public Health app – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 367(23) – Authorization for leases and purchases through the New Jersey State Contract Awards – for the calendar year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 368(23) – Authorization to make purchases under the County Cooperative Contract – for the calendar year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 369(23) – Authorization to enter into Affiliation Agreements to accept referrals, as well as provide referrals – at no cost to Ocean County Health Department – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 370(23) – Authorization to enter into Business and/or HIPAA Business Associate Agreements – at no cost to Ocean County Health Department – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 371(23) – Authorization to enter into various agreements to secure space at various health fairs/expos – for a total budget not to exceed \$3,000.00 – for the calendar year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 372(23) – Authorization to execute agreements with community partners for the delivery of community-based public health services on the mobile clinical unit – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 373(23) – 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 \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 374(23) – Authorization to enter into contract or make purchases per the Division of Local Government Services – for the calendar year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 375(23) – Authorization to execute a contract with Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. – for cat litter – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 376(23) – Authorization to extend contract with Orchard Hill Memorial Park, Inc. dba Abbey Glen Memorial Park for Animal Grenatory Services – for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 377(23) – Authorization to accept the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addition Services Block Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 – for the period November 21, 2023 through March 14, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 378(23) – Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Ocean County Board of Health – for the calendar year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 379(23) – Designation of Bank Depositories for the fiscal year 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 380(23) – Authorization to write off a total of \$5,120.53 as uncollectible – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 381(23) – Authorization to add Monmouth Healthcare Services LLC dba Harbor MAT in Brick; Overcome Wellness and Recovery LLC in Lakewood; Stress Care of New Jersey LLC in Toms River; and Team Management 2000 in Toms River – as licensed sites to become Ocean County IDRC affiliated providers – effective December 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 382(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection County Environmental Health Act Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 – matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$265,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 383(23) – Adoption of the 2024 Board of Health public meeting schedule – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 384(23) – Recognition of January 2024 as Cervical Health Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

Resolution 385(23) – Recognition of January 2024 as National Birth Defects Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

7. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health:

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health discussed how very important the staff is at the Ocean County Health Department. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that the Board and he make the decisions and it is the staff that takes the action. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn express sincere gratitude to the staff and contractors for everything they do. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that the Health Department has a tremendous staff. In addition, Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn thanked the Board of Health members and the professionals for all their hard work and time.

Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn stated that everyone should enjoy their holiday season, take time and enjoy your families because that is what it is all about at this time of year.

8. Other Matters:

Respiratory Illness and COVID: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer referred to the updated respiratory illness and COVID report. Mr. Regenye stated that while cases are increasing, the reports indicate low activity level currently in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Regenye continued that it is anticipated that there will be an increase in activity as December continues and going into January and February.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department continues to host the flu clinics and the vaccination clinics providing opportunity for the residents of Ocean County to get their immunizations.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Mr. Regenye stated that included in the Board packet is a notice about a program coming up this Tuesday related to our Community Health Assessment with Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services as the lead person within the agency. Mr. Regenye explained that we would be entering into a new cycle of the three to five year needs assessment process. Mr. Regenye stated that the program will be held at the Clarion on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm should any of the Board members want to attend.

Thank you: Mr. Regenye thanked the Board of Health, the County of Ocean Administration and the Ocean County Commissioners for their support over the years. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department has had a successful 2023 and looking forward to 2024.

Canine respiratory infection: Senator Robert Singer discussed the concern about the kennels and the dog issue with cough. Senator Singer stated that the Health Department must inform the public that we are aware of this situation, we are monitoring our animal facilities, we are taking extra precautions so people would feel comfortable when they come to adopt the dog and not have problems. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is working with both our veterinarians, full-time veterinarian, Dr. Begun and our contracted veterinarian, Dr. Dziedzic and they are staying on the top of the situation.

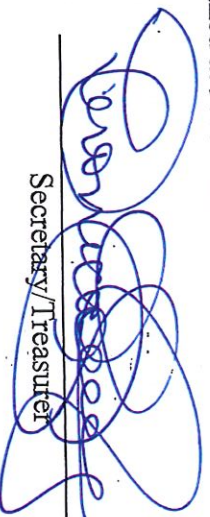
Holiday Wishes: Dr. Maurice Hill wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Chairman: Chairman Mallon thanked the Ocean County Health Department staff for everything they do; the staff works hard and coordinate abundant information. Chairman Mallon also thanked Commissioner Deputy Director Quinn for all his support. Chairman Mallon wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa.

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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.


Secretary/Treasurer