

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
February 7, 2024  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on February 7, 2024 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. Theresa Kubiel
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Mr. Henry Mancini
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman
- Mr. Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
- Mr. James Holzapfel, Board Counsel

4.Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh and Mr. Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 43(24) through 60(24) with the personnel resolution amended and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 43(24)** – Finance Committee Report – February 7, 2024 - \$182,170.10– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Gupta abstaining on Item #23-03412 and #24-00128; and Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #23-03412 and #24-00128 Senator Robert Singer abstaining on #23-03412 and #24-00128, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 44(24)** – Personnel Committee Report – February 7, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 45(24)** – Provider Applications for billing medical care services to insurance companies – Motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 46(24)** – Amend Resolution 348(23) for Dr. Miele to increase amount - Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 47(24)** – Authorization to amend the Contract with Purplegator to increase the number of public service announcements produced from 16 to 34 with a total amount not to exceed, \$249,987.50 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 48(24)** – Amend contracts with Animal Care Equipment and Services, Covertus North America, Midwest Veterinary Supply and C Specialties Inc. not to exceed \$130,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 49(24)** - Authorization for Kimberly Reilly to attend the 2024 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review “Collaboration for Community Challenge, in Atlanta Georgia, March 5-7 2024 at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 50(24)** – Authorization to enter into a WIC Program Letter of Understanding with RWJBH outpatient Lactation Support at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Kubiel and Dr. Gupta and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 51(24)** – Adoption of Purchasing Policy, Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 52(24)** – Recognition of individuals/organizations for their contribution of hats and gloves – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 53(24)** – Recognition of March 2024 as National Colorectal Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 54(24)** – Recognition of March 2024 as National Nutrition Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 55(24)** – Recognition of March 4-8, 2024 as National School Breakfast Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 56(24)** – Recognition of March 12-16, 2024 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 57(24)** – Recognition of March 17-23, 2024 as National Poison Prevention Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 58(24)** – Recognition of March 18-24, 2024 as National Drug & Alcohol Fact Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 59(24)** – Recognition of March 24, 2024 as National World Tuberculosis Awareness Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 60(24)** - Recognition of March 28, 2024 as National Doctor's Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## **6. 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 spoke about the projects that are underway at the Health Department and Barnegat. He also asked if there were any other projects that would be needed, now would be a good time to have those discussions.

Commissioner Quinn also spoke about the spike in COVID-19 cases and hopefully as spring approaches those cases and flu cases will start to get lower.

Commissioner Quinn also thanked the Ocean County Health Department for their supply of test kits for the county employees.

## **7. Other Matters:**

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer stated we have COVID-19 Tests if anyone is in need to let him know.

Mr. Daniel Regenye thanked Commissioner Quinn for being so generous with the much needed renovation work for our facilities. Each location in the process of having significant renovations conducted that are funded through the County or by the Board of Health. We are having windows and doors replaced, a freight elevator, the Butler Building, and work in Environmental as well as work being done in Lakewood, NOCAF and SOCAF.

Mr. Daniel Regenye mentioned in the packet this meeting is our annual review of the By-Laws. Minor draft changes are made in red, which are partially required for Public Health accreditation, which we will be submitting to in April/May of 2024 to PHAB. In addition, for the purpose of efficiency and communication, Board of Health members and staff will be

requested to communicate through the Chair, Public Health Coordinator or Director of Administration and Program Development. The final adoption for the By-Laws will be at the next Board of Health Meeting. If any Board of Health member has any questions regarding bylaws, please reach out.

Mr. Daniel Regenye spoke about the additional funding for our Ryan White Clinic from the state that we requested. It was discussed that while we requested between \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 to cover our costs the New Jersey Department of Health has offered \$11,000.00.

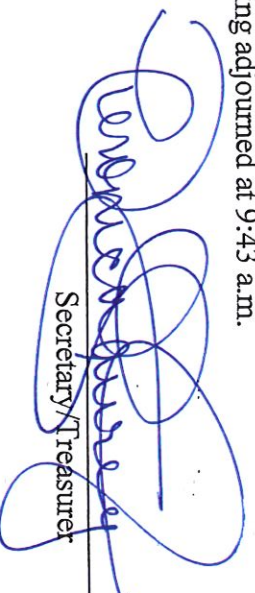
Senator Robert Singer mentioned he is introducing a new law that Veterinarians will now be able to stop an owner from putting a pet to sleep if they feel it is not warranted and take possession and ownership of their pet.

Dr. Theresa Kubiel thanked Kim Reilly and her team for hosting a wonderful event at the JBJ Soul Kitchen for business owners in regards to overdoses and how they are affecting their business, whether it be an overdose happening at their establishment or to an employee. The Ocean County Health Department offered so many resources for these business owners and attendees and it was very much appreciated.

**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.

**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 9:43 a.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer