

Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
Minutes

March 20, 2024  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 20, 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. Maurice Hill
- Ms. Laureigh
- Mr. Mancini
- Ms. Scaturro
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman
  
- Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
- James Holzapfel, Board Counsel

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the March 6, 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					



## **5. Introduction of the Proposed 2024 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 76(24):**

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the Introduction of the Proposed 2024 Ocean County Board of Health Budget.

**Resolution 76(24)** – Introduction of the Proposed 2024 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 77(24) through 99(24) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Mallon requested the record to now reflect that Dr. Gupta was in attendance at 9:34 a.m.

## **6. Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 77(24)** – Finance Committee Report – March 20, 2024 - \$430,611.80 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Items #24-00388 #24-00547; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on item # 24-00491, Mr. Mancini abstaining on items # 24-00390 #24-00395 #24-00401 #24-00491 #24-00492 #24-00662 #24-00684 and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #24-00388 #24-00547, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 78(24)** – Personnel Committee Report – March 20, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #4, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 79 (24)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Para-Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 80(24)** – Salary adjustment for OPEIU, Local 32, AFL-CIO-CLC representing Professional personnel – effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 81(24)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Non-Supervisory White-Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 82(24)** – Salary adjustment for CWA representing Supervisory White-Collar Workers – effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 83(24)** – Salary Adjustment for all full time Non-Aligned – Effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 84(24)** – Salary adjustment for Professional Employees AFL-CIO-CIC representing Registered Environmental Health Specialist – Effective April 1, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 85(24)** – Authorization to enter in to a 2-year contract for with EFK Diagnostics d/b/a Stanbio Laboratory LP for supplies for an amount not to exceed \$35,500.00 for the period



of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026— Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 86(24)** – Authorization to increase funding for the Ocean County Health Department County Opioid Innovative Grant from \$229,936.00 to \$ 275,923.00 and to be expended by September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 87(24)** - Authorization to accept the Diabetes Prevention Control Program Grant for \$25,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2023, through June 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 88(24)** – Authorization to submit a Letter of Intent and apply for the OLPH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2025 Pathway B Grant in the amount of \$29,990.00 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30,2025 to offset costs associated with pursuing Public Health Accreditation with PHAB – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 89(24)** – 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta, and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 90(24)** – Authorization to Travel for Patty High and Samantha Foster-Tiso to Salt Lake City, Utah from April 30-May 3, 2024, at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, unanimously approved.

**Resolution 91(24)** – Recognition of April 2024 as National Alcohol Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 92(24)** – Recognition of April 2024 as Minority and Multicultural Health Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 93(24)** – Recognition of April 2024 as National Youth Sports Safety Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 94(24)** – Recognition of April 2024 as National Distracted Drivers Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 95(24)** – Recognition of April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 96(24)** – Recognition of April 1-7, 2024, as National Public Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 97(24)** – Recognition of April 21-27, 2024, as National Volunteer Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.



**Resolution 98(24)** – Recognition of April 21-27, 2024, as Administrative Professional’s Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 99(24)** – Recognition of April 22 – April 29, 2024, as National Infant Immunization Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, 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, was absent from today’s meeting.

**8. Other Matters:**

**Public Health Week Recognition:** Mr. Regenye stated that Public Health Week is April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 7th but we will be celebrating it the week after due to spring break. We are planning events and activities, and we will forward details as we have them.

**Proposed budget highlights:** Mr. Regenye stated that the proposed 2024 Board of Health Budget was introduced today and would like to provide some budget highlights. Mr. Regenye thanked Mary McCarthy, Director of Finance, and everyone who contributed to developing the budget. Mr. Matt Holman, auditor, from Holman, Frenia and Allison stated that the tax rate will remain flat and stable with the introduced budget, while there is a slight increase in the budget from 2023. Staff contracted salary increases, new furniture upgrades, additional repairs to rehabilitate the Barnegat Facility and funding other capital projects accounted for the increase.

**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.

**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 9:38 a.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer