

**LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**Special Board of Health Meeting on October 9, 2025**  
**The Main Branch Library, Fred H. McDonald Community Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call – Barbara Sarantou**

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

*Present:* Ted Kaczorowski, Amr Elaskary, Dr. Donna Woodson, Susan Postal, David Karmol, Dr. Richard Munk, Dr. Johnathon Ross, Paul Komisarek, Matthew Sapara, and Barbara Sarantou.

*Excused:* Sonia Flunder-McNair, and Cheryl Crowder

II. **Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi**

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Shannon Jones, David Welch, Paul Syring, Brandon Sehlhorst, Jessica Steinman, and Adrienne Briner.

III. **Financing Proposal by the City of Toledo – Karim Baroudi**

After clarifying details with the mayor’s team and board members from last week, it was confirmed that the revised deal is more favorable than the original proposal. The remaining portion will be financed at 4 percent, which is lower than the previous rate of over 5 percent, resulting in overall savings. Karim distributed the proposal to the board members.

The agreement outlined is for \$5 million with interest paid over 35 years. The city will advance 62 percent of the cost—over \$3 million—which reduces the interest burden for the remaining jurisdictions. The remaining \$1 million will be financed at 4 percent and divided among the other jurisdictions, resulting in an interest cost of \$228,000, allocated based on population. This brings the revised share to 12.44 percent. The city indicated flexibility in adjusting terms if cash flow becomes an issue and may reconsider the rate structure in future years if market conditions change, though no guarantees were made. The diocese has agreed to the arrangement.

Paul Syring highlighted the \$5 million loan, noting the original 6.8 percent interest rate. To secure better terms, the group agreed to lower the rate to 5.35 percent by restructuring the arrangement, converting what was previously considered in-kind contributions into a modified financial commitment. The agreement will need to be formally amended and supported by two pieces of legislation tied to the bond for the duration of the term. It may attract public attention soon. There is concern that the contingency plan may not be sustainable in five years, but the long-term goal is full financial independence. They also agreed that there will be no early repayment penalty.

Who pays for insurance on old building/current building. We are not responsible for insurance. Any other expenses we should be aware of? The county is in-kind.

That total of \$171,000 was calculated by including costs such as telephones, internet, and insurance.

#### IV. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

**(Resolution 181-25-02)** A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to enter into Executive Session A. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes. ORC 121.22(G)(2). To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code at 2:19 p.m.. Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 182-25-02)** A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Matthew Sapara to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 2:38 p.m. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action was taken during executive session.

**(Resolution 183-25-02)** A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Susan Postal to rescind authorizing Secretary of the Board of Health, the Health Commissioner, to execute all necessary agreements, documents, and promissory notes in coordination with Genoa Bank, the designated financing partner, and to proceed with the closing of the property purchase located at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 184-25-02)** A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to rescind the resolution of the Lucas County Regional Combined Health District Board respectfully declining the City of Toledo's loan offer due to its current obligation/commitment/responsibility to fulfill an existing, time-sensitive financial agreement. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 185-25-02)** A motion was made by Dr. Donna Woodson and seconded by Amr Elaskary to accept the financial proposal and enter into an agreement with The City of Toledo to finance the purchase of property and improvements to 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 186-25-02)** A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to authorize the Secretary of the Board of Health, the Health Commissioner, to execute all necessary agreements, documents, and promissory notes in coordination with The City of Toledo, to designated financing partner, and to proceed with the closing of the property purchase located at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 187-25-02)** A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:

Barbara Sarantou  
Barbara Sarantou, President  
Lucas County Regional Board of Health

Karim Baroudi  
Karim Baroudi, MPH, REHS  
Secretary to the Board of Health

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