

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on December 18, 2025
Maumee Branch Library, Meeting Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Ted Kaczorowski, Matthew Sapara, Paul Komisarek, Dr. Johnathon Ross, David Karmol, Dr. Richard Munk, Dr. Donna Woodson, Sonia Flunder-McNair, Arm Elaskary, and Barbara Sarantou

Excused: Cheryl Crowder, and Susan Postal

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

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Dr. Lawrence Monger, Shannon Jones, Angie Bauman, David Welch, Wendy Davis, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Brandon Palinski, Kendra Kec, Heather Burnette, Tina Stokes, Scott Francis, Chris Coakley, Representative Erika White, Keianna Wimberly, Emily Baker, Gillian Wilke, Brian Hahn, Jessica Steinman, and Adrienne Briner.

III. **Introduction of New Employees – Karim Baroudi**

The new employees at today's Board of Health meeting

- Keianna Wimberly, New Position – Minority Health Coordinator
- Emily Baker, Community Health Worker – November

IV. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

V. **Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

(Resolution 261-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the Minutes of November 20, 2025, Regular Board of Health Meeting as amended. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

I. **Continuing Education – Public Health Nuisance Enforcement – Christopher Coakley**

Chris spoke about complaints that were sent to Environmental Health regarding animals and trash posing risks to public health. Images were shared showing trash left outside a hoarding situation, a rat hole in a wall in a single-family home housing 17 people, the front of a disabled individual's home where staff worked with LCBDD to resolve the issue, and the ceiling of a rental home where a sewage odor was caused by raw sewage leaking from

above. Staff are responsible for investigating and enforcing local nuisance issues, and the required process under the Toledo Municipal Code was reviewed during the meeting.

A study conducted in 2024 evaluated the effectiveness of adding verbal and written warnings 3–10 days before initiating the full enforcement process. In Lucas County, results from 124 investigations showed an 87.1% compliance rate without the need to issue an order to correct the issues. Among those who did not initially comply, about half came into compliance after a second warning. A pie chart was shared illustrating the types of nuisances addressed during the year, along with homeownership data showing that 58% involved owner-occupied single-family homes, approximately one third were occupied rental properties, and 9% were unoccupied rentals. From beginning to end, the enforcement process typically involves 6–8 inspections, warnings, and potential court involvement.

II. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

There were no updates on the legal front. Congratulations were shared with everyone on the acquisition of 1933 Spielbusch, noting that many stakeholders were involved, and the process was completed in full compliance with Ohio law.

III. Medical Director’s Report – Lawrence Monger, MD

Dr. Monger provided an update on viral illness season, noting a small spike in flu, COVID, and RSV cases, which is typical for January and February. Some states are experiencing larger increases than others. Influenza H3N2 is currently the most prominent strain and is also circulating internationally. Flu vaccine effectiveness is estimated at 70–75% in children and 30–40% in adults. Ohio Department of Health data show 178 hospitalizations for flu and 294 for COVID, while the RSV hospitalization number was not available. Reliable statistics for norovirus remain difficult to obtain due to limited testing.

Brandon reported that school superintendents have raised concerns about attendance issues, with as many as 26–27% of students absent due to illness. Guidance was provided to consider temporary school closures for deep cleaning, and community members have also expressed concerns through social media. Virtual learning for the remainder of the year was discussed as a possible option. A press conference was held to share recommendations, and letters were emailed to superintendents. The EPA provides a comprehensive list of approved cleaners and recommends using soap and water to remove norovirus from hands. Additionally, the Epidemiology program was asked to address norovirus in an upcoming report set to be released soon.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 262-25) A motion was by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded to Approve the hiring of Lead Investigator: Michael Judin, full-time, classified position, Bargaining Unit, pay rate \$34.59 per hour. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 263-25) A motion was made by Paul Komisarek and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the Personnel Committee report. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 264-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the payment of the November 2025 vouchers. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 265-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by David Karmol to approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$41,700.00 for November 2025. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$536,000.00, new grant from Ohio Department of Youth Services in Ohio Personal Responsibility and Education Program (PREP)
- \$30,000.00, new grant from Ohio Department of Health for Asthma School Support.

(Resolution 266-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to apply and accept all grants listed above. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 267-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to accept the Harm Reduction Expansion grant from the Ohio Department of Health with a project period of December 1, 2025 thru September 30,2026, Tier III funding of \$230,000.00. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- \$15,000.00 to Thread Marketing Group for them to provide marketing services including website hosting, ADA compliance, annual report, and other consulting services in 2026.
- Neighborhood Health Association (NHA) at no cost to operate our NOSS clinic at NHA on Thursday afternoon.
- Ohio Department of Health at no cost, for TLCHD to be a distribution site for vaccines in the event of a pandemic or outbreak.
- \$450.00 to Think Fast Corp to provide an assembly to the students at Sylvania Northview High School on seatbelt usage and distracted driving.

- \$132,115.11 from Ohio Department of Children and Youth for TLCHD to provide Perinatal Hypertension education to our clients.
- Ohio Department of Children and Youth to extend the grant an additional 6 months until 06/30/2026 with additional funds of \$58,125.00 for Cribs 4 Kids.
- Hancock Public Health at no cost and to extend the MOU an additional 9 months until 06/30/2026.
- Wood County WIC at no cost and to extend the MOU an additional 9 months until 06/30/2026.

(Resolution 268-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to enter into all Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in November 2025 Audit Finance committee report. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 269-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to Approve the 2026 Advance of Tax Assessment. Roll call vote. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 270-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Susan Postal to approve the write-off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount \$3,831.78 for the month of November 2025. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 271-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the audit and finance committee report. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 272-25) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the household sewage treatments system variance for 6564 Blossman, Toledo, Ohio 43617. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 273-25) A motion was made by Matthew Sapara and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve an extension of the connection to the accessible sanitary sewerage system for 7740 Angola Road, Holland Ohio 43528 (Parcel ID 6507277) owned by Raymond and Barbara Robasser with the following conditions.

1. Enrollment in the Lucas County Regional Health District's Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program.
2. The property owner is responsible to pay the fee associated with recording the extension at the Lucas County Recorder's Office.
3. Connection to the sanitary sewerage system is required if the household sewage treatment system requires alteration, significant repair, or replacement.

4. Connection to the sanitary sewerage system is required if there is a transfer of sale of the property.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 274-25) A motion was made by Dr. Donna Woodson and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the Environmental Health Committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

V. New Business/Points for Consideration

Representative Erika White reported on House Bill 134 and stated that she supports the bill. The bill received three hearings, including review by the Agricultural Committee, with two interested parties from the restaurant industry providing input. The Cuyahoga Health Department was highlighted during discussions. The bill passed unanimously with bipartisan support, with enforcement assigned to the Agricultural Committee. Erika explained why she voted in favor of the bill, outlined the voting process, and described how she approaches decision-making. Links with additional details about committee activity were shared with the team via email. Representative Humphries was identified as the recommended contact person for this bill, which moved very quickly and largely behind the scenes.

Invitations were extended between state representatives and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department to maintain communication and collaborate moving forward. Environmental Health reviewed Bill 134 to determine an agency recommendation and concluded that both TLCHD and the Board of Health oppose the bill. A memo outlining this position will be distributed soon, with reference memos provided for context.

VI. Health Commissioner's Comments – Karim Baroudi

VII. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 275-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Amr Elaskary to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code. at 10:47 a.m.. Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 276-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Amr Elaskary to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 11:18 a.m. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action was taken during executive session.

A. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek

The Facilities and Fleet Committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

(Resolution 277-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by David Karmol to approve the Facilities and Fleet Committee report. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VIII. Public Health in the News

IX. Next Meetings

January 22, 2026 (Kent Branch Library)

February 26, 2026 (TBD)

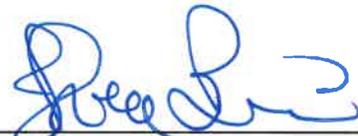
March 22, 2026 (TBD)

(Resolution 278-25) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Amr Elaskary to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion carried. 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:



Barbara Sarantou, President
Lucas County Regional Board of Health



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

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