

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on January 22, 2026
Kent Branch Library, Meeting Room A
Meeting Minutes

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

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Ted Kaczorowski, Paul Komisarek, Dr. Johnathon Ross, Dr. Richard Munk, Cheryl Crowder, Susan Postal, Dr. Donna Woodson, and Barbara Sarantou

Excused: Matthew Sapara, Sonia Flunder-McNair, and Amr Elaskary

David Karmol arrived at 9:40a.m.

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, Scott Francis, Jen Gottschalk, Nate Fries, Madeline Dyer, Emily Gratcl, and Adrienne Briner.

III. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

The contract amount for Habitec was adjusted to reflect a higher cost than originally proposed, resulting in a slight increase from the initial amount.

A resolution was added authorizing the Health Commissioner to apply for, accept, and enter into an agreement for the Local Office of Minority Health through the Ohio Commission of Minority Health, as board authorization is required.

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

The new employees at today's Board of Health meeting

- Emily Gratcl, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (food) - January
- Madeline Dyer, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (generalist) - January

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

(Resolution 001-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve the Minutes of December 18, 2025, Regular Board of Health Meeting as amended. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VI. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

Kevin reported that there were no legal updates to present.

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

Dr. Munger reported that it has been a severe flu season, with Ohio hospitalizations for respiratory viruses peaking around January 3, 2025, at over 3,100 hospitalizations statewide, with influenza accounting for the highest numbers followed by COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. He noted the season can be bimodal, with a potential second and higher peak around February 15, 2025. Lucas County is following the same trend as the state, and hospitalization numbers in Ohio are now declining. CDC estimates indicate approximately 18 million illnesses and 200,000 deaths, with children under 18 experiencing the highest hospitalization rates since 2018, and approximately 90 percent of children not vaccinated. Vaccination continues to be strongly encouraged.

Dr. Ross also addressed illnesses and vaccinations, and Dr. Munk reported that three deaths in Ohio involved younger individuals.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 002-26) A motion was by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve the hiring of Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Emily Gratcl, full-time, classified position, Bargaining Unit, pay rate \$21.64 per hour. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 003-26) A motion was by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve the hiring of Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Madeline Dyer, full-time, classified position, Bargaining Unit, pay rate \$28.25 per hour. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 004-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Ted Kaczorowski to Approve the Personnel Committee report. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary, Presented by Ted Kaczorowski

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 005-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to approve the payment of the December 2025 vouchers. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 006-26) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$17,500.00 for December 2025. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$218,638.00, continuation grant from Ohio Department of Health for HIV Prevention.
- \$39,938.00, continuation grant from Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio.
- \$238,862.00, continuation grant from Ohio Department of Health for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- \$55,125.00 from Ohio Department of Children & Youth for Cribs for Kids and Safe Sleep.
- \$230,000.00 from Ohio Department of Health for Harm Reduction.

(Resolution 007-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to apply and accept all grants listed above. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 008-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Health Commissioner of the Lucas County Regional Health District to apply for, accept, and enter into an agreement for the Local Office of Minority Health through Ohio Commission of Minority Health. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Produce Perks at no cost to receive Produce Perks coupon booklets to distribute through WIC or Corner Stores for TANF eligible clients.
- \$39,937.50 from Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio to fund nursing clinics at Senior Centers throughout Lucas County.
- Heidelberg College to allow students to complete internships.
- Toledo-Area Sanitary District at no cost for purpose of data sharing to facilitate the timely surveillance, control, and mitigation of reportable vector-borne disease and their carriers in Lucas County.
- \$25,000.00 with Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo in America for purchasing any Personal Property, appliances, fixtures, equipment, machinery, furniture, and all other tangible personal property which remain at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue.
- \$5,196.16 on Habitec Security to provide Security, Fire Monitoring, and Maintenance at the new building 1933 Spielbusch Avenue.

(Resolution 009-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to enter into all Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in December 2025 Audit Finance committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 010-26) A motion was made by Paul Komisarek and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to Approve the Resolution for the 2025 Official Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources. Roll call vote. Motion carried.. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 011-26) A motion was made by Paul Komisarek and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the Resolution for the 2026 Official Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources.. Motion carried. Roll call vote taken. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 012-26) A motion was made by Paul Komisarek and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the Resolution for the Transfer of Funds for year end from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund – Fees of \$463,688.57. Roll call vote. Motion carried.. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 013-26) 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 \$1,087.88 for the month of December 2025. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 014-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the audit and finance committee report. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 015-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the household sewage treatments system variance for 8204 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio 43617. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 016-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve private water system variance for 5156 Estess Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43560. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 017-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to approve the Environmental Health Committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

D. Health Services – Cheryl Crowder

The Health Services Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

(Resolution 018-26) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the Health Services Committee report. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

E. Violence Reduction Committee – Sonia Flunder-McNair, Presented by Donna Woodson, MD

The Violence Reduction Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

(Resolution 019-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the Violence Reduction Committee report. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

F. Legislative Committee – Paul Komisarek

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

(Resolution 020-26) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the Legislative Committee report. Motion carried. 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

David Karmol left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

G. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek

The Facilities and Fleet Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

(Resolution 021-26) A motion was made by Ted Kaczorowski and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to approve the Facilities and Fleet Committee report. Motion carried. 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

IX. New Business/Points for Consideration

X. Health Commissioner's Comments – Karim Baroudi

XI. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 022-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or at 10:51 a.m. Roll Call vote. Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 023-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Barbara Sarantou to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 11:42 a.m. Roll call vote . Motion carried; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action was taken during executive session.

XII. Public Health in the News

XIII. Next Meetings

February 26, 2026 (1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604)

March 22, 2026 (TBD)

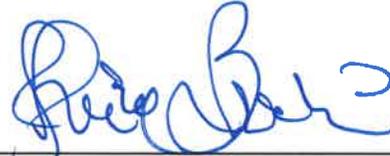
April 23, 2026 (TBD)

(Resolution 024-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried. 8 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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