

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting on March 26, 2026
New Building, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Barbara Sarantou

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Ted Kaczorowski, Sonia Flunder-McNair, Dr. Johnathon Ross, Amr Elaskary, Richard Munk, MD, David Karmol, Cheryl Crowder, Susan Postal, Dr. Donna Woodson, and Barbara Sarantou

Excused: Matthew Sapara, and Paul Komisarek

II. Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Dr. Lawrence Monger, Shannon M. Jones, Angie Bauman, David Welch, Wendy Davis, Tina Stokes, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Brandon Palinski, Kendra Kec, Scott Francis, Jen Gottschalk, Dyana Newton (ONA), Gillian Wilke (AFSCME), Jessica Steinman, and Adrienne Briner.

Karim recognized March as Women’s History Month and acknowledged Dr. Donna Woodson for her commitment to the Board of Health, including her role as the first woman to serve as Board President.

III. Swearing in of Amr Elaskary – Kevin Pituch

Kevin Pituch administered the oath of office to Amr Elaskary for service on the Board of Health for a four-year term ending in 2030, after which he will have the option to pursue an additional four-year term.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Karim reported Additions included corrections to the Audit/Finance Committee report of a decrease in the amount of funds to be written off. A notice of award was received for the STI prevention grant.

A resolution was added authorizing Karim to approve and sign off on contracts that are associated with the new building renovation if they are needed before the next regular Board of Health meeting.

Karim shared his visit to Columbus, where he met with local lawmakers, including Paula Hicks-Hudson. During these discussions, he addressed key topics and legislation, emphasizing the needs and priorities of local public health organizations.

V. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

(Resolution 048-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the Minutes of February 26, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting as amended. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

VI. Election of President and Vice President – Board of Health

(Resolution 049-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to close nominations for President and Vice President of the Board of Health. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 050-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve Amr Elaskary for President of the Board of Health of the Lucas County Regional Health District for 2026-2027. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 051-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to Approve David Karmol for Vice President of the Board of Health of the Lucas County Regional Health District for 2026-2027. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Karim thanked Barbara Sarantou for her service as President to the Board of Health.

Karim offered the Passing of the Gavel from former President, Barbara Sarantou to the new president, Amr Elaskary.

VII. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch

Legal report to be discussed in Executive Session.

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

Dr. Monger reported on Measles activity is increasing closer to the region, with seven reported cases in Ann Arbor, which qualifies as an outbreak due to exposures in both a hospital emergency department and a school setting. There was also discussion of recent judicial rulings affecting vaccination requirements associated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including the removal of 13 appointees by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The month of April has been designated as National Minority Health Month, with Keianna Wimberley organizing “Walk with Docs” events that Dr. Monger will attend. Dr. Monger is also scheduled to appear on WTOL during Wellness Wednesdays to discuss health disparities. A handout listing all Minority Health Month events was distributed.

Additionally, there has been an increase in calls reporting false measles cases. The Shots for Tots schedule has been released and is publicly available. The team also discussed the potential need for a press release regarding local measles cases.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 052-26) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve that the Health Commissioner is authorized to enter into contracts for the renovation of 1933 Spielbusch Avenue not exceeding \$100,000.00 each, which are deemed emergency contracts due to the urgency of the work. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 053-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Barbara Sarantou to approve the payment of the February 2026 vouchers. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 054-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$698,302.79 for February 2026. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Grants

- \$114,770.00, continuation grant from Ohio Department of Health for Get Vaccinated Ohio.
- \$64,945.00, continuation grant from Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for NOSS Support Services.
- \$117,450.00, continuation grant from Ohio Department of Children & Youth for Cribs for Kids and Safe Sleep Program.
- \$1,100,000.00, continuation grant from Department of Health & Human Services for Healthy Start FY27.
- \$74,526.00 from Health Council of Northwest Ohio for IM MCP Enhanced Payment (ODM).

(Resolution 055-26) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to apply and accept all grants listed above. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Sunrise Labs for \$5,000.00 to pay for technical assistance to operate the Lab.
- Sunrise Labs for \$16,000.00 to pay for laboratory services to our clients.
- Walden University at no cost to allow Walden University students to complete internships and clinical Preceptorships with our staff.

- \$74,616.00 to receive from Health Council of Northwest Ohio to subcontract with Frederick Douglas Center to provide Reproductive Health Classes to 98 teens or young adults.
- \$52,000.00 to pay Frederick Douglas Center to engage 98 young adults or teens in Reproductive Health Planning.
- At no cost with Toledo-Lucas County Public Library to provide information and resources related to mental health at a special author event at the Main Library in May 2026.
- \$230,000.00 to receive from Ohio Department of Health and Harm Reduction to expand evidence-based services to vulnerable populations.
- Lamar for \$2,550.00 to pay for billboards for Minority Health Month advertisement.
- Family Carry-out LLC to pay \$19,000.00 to support the healthy corner store program and on board a new store.
- Hoffman & Harpst Co., Inc. for \$5,481.00 to provide quarterly HVAC services, preventative maintenance, and testing.
- A.C.E.S. Services, LLC for \$15,998.00 to move and clean up the Erie Street location to the new Spielbusch Health Department location.

(Resolution 056-26) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to enter into all Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in February 2026 Audit Finance committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 057-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Dr. Johnathon Ross to approve the write-off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount as amended \$3,837.12 for the month of February 2026. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 058-26) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Barbara Sarantou to Approve the Audit and Finance committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

B. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol

The Environmental Health Committee met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 059-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve Septic Variance Request – 11130 Doran Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571 (Providence Township) (2026-02). **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 060-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Amr Elaskary to Approve Septic Variance Request – 5590 Weckerly, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571 (Monclova Township) (2026-03). **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Jen reported that the Health Department received a \$150,000 pass-through grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support eligible homeowners in need of household sewage repairs. Applicants must own their homes and meet income requirements, and there is currently a waiting list for funding.

(Resolution 061-26) A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve the Authorizing Resolution for the Health Commissioner to enter into the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for the Repair and Replacement of Home Sewage Treatment Systems. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 062-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to Approve Authorizing Resolution for the Health Commissioner to Approve all contracts and expenditures for the 2026 Household Sewage Treatment System Repair/Replacement (HSTS) Grant. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 063-26) A motion was made by Dr. Johnathon Ross and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the Environmental Health Committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Health Services Committee – Cheryl Crowder

The Health Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

(Resolution 064-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Amr Elaskary to approve the Health Services Committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

D. Violence Reduction Committee – Sonia Flunder-McNair

The Violence Reduction Committee met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

(Resolution 065-26) A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Donna Woodson to approve the Violence Reduction Committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

E. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek, Presented by David Karmol

The Facilities & Fleet Committee met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

(Resolution 066-26) A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to approve the Facilities & Fleet Committee report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Dr. Johnathon Ross left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

F. Bylaws & Governance Committee – David Karmol

The Bylaws & Governance Committee met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Karim reported that Violence Reduction has been added to the bylaws as a new standing committee and shall develop and maintain a charter to improve focus and efficiency, which will be presented to the full board.

(Resolution 067-26) A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the revisions to the Bylaws. **Roll call vote.** Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 068-26) A motion was made by Barbara Sarantou and seconded by Amr Elaskary to approve the Bylaws & Governance Committee report. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

X. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch

(Resolution 069-26) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or at 9:50 a.m. **Roll Call vote.** Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 070-26) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Richard Munk to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 10:27 a.m. **Roll call vote .** Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No actions taken during Executive Session

G. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 071-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard and seconded by Susan Postal to approve the evaluation of the Health Commissioner, Karim Baroudi with the designated revisions. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 072-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Ted Kaczorowski to defer action on the salary increases to the May Board of Health meeting. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 073-26) 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.

XI. New Business/Points for Consideration

XII. Public Health in the News – Karim Baroudi

Upcoming Meetings:

May 28, 2026 (Birmingham Branch Library)

June 25, 2026 (TBD)

July 23, 2026 (TBD)

(Resolution 074-26) A motion was made by Dr. Richard Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Motion carried; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:



Amr Elaskary, CPA, CFE, President
Lucas County Regional Board of Health



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

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