

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by President Carter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

Jackie Carter, Pres.	Present
Stefan Erwin, Esq.	"
Yvette Gibbons, Esq.	Absent
Teresa Palencia	Present
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	"
Ellyn Smith	"
Mary Lynn Williams	"
Michele Antley, Alt	"
William Strazza, BOH Attorney	"

President Carter opened the meeting by stating this is a regular meeting of the Board of Health. Public notice of this meeting has been given as required by the "Open Public Meeting Law."

Minutes of the re-organization meeting of January 12, 2022 were approved following a motion by Board Member Palencia and second by Board Member Smith.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2022 were approved following a motion by Board Member Williams and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq.

The December Health Officer report, and January reports of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Registered Environmental Health Specialists, Union/Kenilworth Animal Control, Financial, and Holy Redeemer were unanimously approved based on a motion by Board Member Palencia, and second by Board Member Smith. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented detailed weekly Covid-19 statistics on case reporting, deaths, along with surges due to Omnicron created by Covid Generalist, Laura Manco. The Secretary/Health Officer briefed the Board on lift mask restrictions to take place on March 7th for schools; presented Covid-19 vaccination data according to age groups, also created by Covid Generalist, Laura Manco. The Secretary/Health Officer mentioned continued testing and vaccination clinics at the Vauxhall Meeting Center.

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer introduced grant funded Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator, Krissantonia Kerr, and presented a brief overview of her credentials, biography, and job description and duties. At this time, VPOC Krissantonia Kerr re-introduced herself to the Board and presented a vulnerable population assessment power point presentation.

The Secretary/Health Officer also introduced grant funded Covid Generalist, Laura Manco, and presented a brief overview of her credentials and job description and duties.

In continuance under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer seeking Board approval to accept 2022 STD monitoring contract with the City of Elizabeth reflecting no increase. A motion was made by Board Member Erwin, Esq., and seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Michele Antley, Alt</i>	<i>"</i>

Under correspondence, donations to Animal Shelter received from Avalon Bay and Harding School Student Council.

President Carter requested a motion for payment of bills. A motion was made by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Michele Antley, Alt.</i>	<i>"</i>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM on motion by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marconi A. Gapas

Board Secretary/Health Officer