



## **SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Special Meeting**

**Date:** March 13, 2025  
**Time:** 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Southington Municipal Center -Public Assembly Room  
196 North Main St.  
Southington, CT 06489

**Present:** Elliott Colasanto, Chair  
Robert Yamartino, Vice Chair  
Ann Marie Conaty  
Betsy Gaudian  
Joseph Marino  
Sharon O'Brien  
Alex Ricciardone  
Susan Lonczak, DOH  
Lisa Bennett, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Michael Paulhus

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm by Mr. Colasanto.

#### **I. Roll call**

The roll call showed a quorum was present at 12:32 pm.

#### **II. Minutes of meeting**

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Marino made a motion to approve February 13, 2025 meeting minutes.  
Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

#### **III. Comments by Chair/Vice Chair**

Mr. Marino requested an update on Measles cases in the U.S. Ms. Lonczak provided an update on cases in other states and shared recent guidance from the Department of Public Health (DPH). She also mentioned that information has been posted on the SCHD's social media accounts, and that she will continue to provide updates and guidance as new information becomes available.

#### **IV. New business**

##### **i. FY26 Budget Discussion**

Ms. Lonczak discussed the current status of budget planning, noting that potential changes may arise closer to July 2025. A special meeting will be scheduled via Zoom in May (date to be determined) for the Board of Directors (BOD) to review, provide feedback, and ask questions. A public hearing and vote will be held at the regular June meeting.

##### **ii. BOD Survey**

Ms. Lonczak distributed a survey for all Board members to complete. The survey aims to gather feedback that will help improve meeting structure, board involvement, and future development.

##### **iii. Fee Schedule Modifications**

Ms. Lonczak explained that the fees have not been updated since 2022. She plans to review and compare the current fee schedule with those of neighboring health districts. While no major changes will be made to the structure, minor adjustments and increases will be proposed, based on data from surrounding towns. This will be presented during a public hearing at the June meeting.

#### **V. Report by the Director of Health (provided prior to meeting)**

Ms. Lonczak briefly recapped the information provided in her report. Board members offered comments and asked questions for clarification.

#### **VI. Old business**

##### **i. Federal Funding Update**

Ms. Lonczak provided an update following a recent State Local Health call with DPH, which confirmed that the existing contracts are still valid. However, caution is advised in spending, given the uncertainty surrounding future funding.

##### **ii. Union Negotiations**

Ms. Lonczak shared that union negotiations will begin soon. Shipman and Goodwin will be retained as legal representation for labor matters. Board members Robert Yamartino and Joe Marino have agreed to participate in the negotiations as BOD representatives. The BOD will be kept updated on the progress as negotiations move forward.

#### **VII. Next meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 12:30 pm, Middlefield Community Center**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Marino made a motion at 1:35 pm to adjourn meeting.

Ms. O'Brien seconded motion.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lisa Bennett