



**Fulton County Board Of Health (FCBOH)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
10:30 A.M.
Joan P. Conference Room 6th Floor (10 Park Place)**

Board Members Present

BOH Chair Jack Hardin
Felipe den Brok
Secretary Lynne Meadows

Board Members Absent

Dr. Kathi Amille Earles
BOH Vice Chair Renay Blumenthal
BOC Chairman Robb Pitts

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Fulton County Board of Health was called to order by Chairman Jack Hardin at 10:35am. This meeting was held in the Joan P. Conference Room on the 6th floor at 10 Park Place.

- Three Board members were present in person.
- The Board chair noted that there was not a quorum of members present in person as is required under the Open Meetings Act.

II. OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting January 25, 2023.

- Approval of Board minutes was put on hold for a later date due to the Open Meetings Act and by-laws that require a quorum of 4 BOH members to be in attendance in person to proceed with voting purposes or official actions.

III. NEW BUSINESS

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were reported for this meeting.

B. DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S BOARD REPORT

Dr. Paxton provided a PowerPoint presentation providing a data report on Candida Auris, Mpox, and COVID-19 updates for Fulton County:

- FCBOH is working with DPH and infection preventionists at hospital, Long Term Acute Care, and Skilled Nursing Facilities to increase communication about transferring high risk patients.
- DPH is actively working to add Candida Auris to the Notifiable Disease list.
- Mpox updates report states zero reported cases in Fulton County since January 2023. As of April 2023, Fulton County has administered: 9,634 first doses, and 6,731 second doses with a total of 16,365 total doses of the Mpox vaccinations administered.

C. BUDGET UPDATES

- Tarsha Bowie, Finance Director provided the SY23 3rd Quarter funding source report for FCBOH.
- Cam Tompkins with Robert Baker & Associates, CPAs provided the FCBOH audit of financial statements and required supplementary information report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2022.

D. DONATION REPORT

- No donations were reported.

E. BOARD CHAIR DISCUSSION ITEM: FULTON COUNTY BOC WORK ADDRESSING THE HEALTHCARE DESERT IN THE SOUTH FULTON AREA.

- Dr. Paxton provided a power point presentation on the Fulton County Government & Morehouse School of Medicine providing the proposal to respond to WellStar AMC closure & Public Health Emergency that included:
 - What is the current state of Healthcare and Social services access in Fulton County?
 - How should we collectively respond?
 - What are the next steps?
 - Fulton County and Morehouse Healthcare proposed clinical site.
 - What healthcare access needs are MHC & FCG seeking to address?
 - Who will FCG and MHC at Buggy Works serve, and how things will be different?

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- There was no Executive Session.

V. BOARD COMMENT


- Jack Hardin, BOH Chair commended Robb Pitts, BOC Chair on leading the Initiative with Fulton County Government and Morehouse School of Medicine in response to the WellStar AMC closure, and the Public Health Emergency proposal to provide Healthcare access.
- Mr. Hardin stated to bring a change we must look at Healthcare as a right, and not a business.
- Lynn Meadows, BOH Secretary gave kudos to Dr. Paxton, and the Epi Director, Sasha Smith on their quick response to have the FCBOH team come out Atlanta Public Schools to provide Norovirus testing to the students, and Infection Control recommendations to the APS staff. Mrs. Meadows stated she appreciates the partnership that APS and FCBOH has and the exemplary services provided.
- Felipe Den Brok expressed his gratitude to Dr. Paxton and the FCBOH leadership team for the Mpox initiative and the great services that was provided.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

THE FULL RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WEBSITE. THE LINK IS LISTED BELOW.

<https://fultoncountyboh.com/about/board-of-health-meetings-leadership/>


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