



Independence Advisory Board of Health Minutes

February 5, 2026 6:00 PM

Meeting will be held virtually via Teams

at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25913487328000?p=KiAljWHfDJhdGjjfM>

WELCOME

Christina Heinen called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Members present were Dr. Larry Legler, Dr. David Suchman, Jason White, Genesis Rivera, and Lori Halsey.

Staff present were Christina Heinen and Lauren Campbell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Legler made a motion to approve December and January minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Suchman. Approved by all present at 6:07 pm.

BOARD VACANCIES

Christina shared that the Board has three current vacancies: lay person, veterinarian, and licensed medical practitioner and encouraged current board members to share with possible recruits.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The letter from the Board was shared with the Council and appeared on the Council agenda on 2/4/26. There was no public comment about it.

Lauren shared that the Department is seeing flu cases (164 reported the previous week), and COVID is also increasing. The department is also dealing with some pertussis, TB, and campylobacter cases.

Dr. Legler asked if the vaccines we offer has been reduced due to the CDC's actions in January.

Lauren shared that the State is still encouraging us to follow American Academy of Pediatrics vaccination schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to share.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Legler. Approved by all present at 6:18.
Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm