

**Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County
June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 4:05 p.m. in the Lentz Public Health Center Centennial B Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Tené H. Franklin, MS, Chair
Marie Griffin, MD, Vice-Chair
Lloyda Williamson, MD, Member
Rebecca Whitehead, MBA, Member
Heather Corum Powell, Member
Sanmi Areola, Ph.D., Director of Health
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Joanna Shaw-KaiKai, MD, Medical Services Director
Aaron Shelton, MBA, Human Resources Manager
Derrick Smith, JD, Metropolitan Department of Law

Public Comment Period (Agenda Items)

There were no requests to comment.

Public Comment Period (Community Voices)

There were no requests to comment.

Welcome New Board Member, Heather Corum Powell

Chair Franklin welcomed new Board of Health member Ms. Powell to the board and invited her to introduce herself.

Ms. Powell shared a few brief details about herself and career and received a warm welcome.

Declarations of Conflicts/Recusals or Communiques from the Public on Agenda Items

Chair Franklin asked Mr. Smith to give an overview of this agenda item.

Chair Franklin asked that Board members who may have declarations of conflict or recusal, or who had had communiques from the public on agenda items, to state such.

Chair Franklin stated that Ms. Powell had sent her an email about Medicaid.

Approval of May 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025, meeting minutes as distributed. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee/Team Recognition

Dr. Areola shared that Amy Hamilton, MACC, was chosen as the April Employee of the Month. (Attachment I)

Dr. Areola recognized the Nashville Strong Babies Team for being chosen as the April Team of the Month (Attachment II). Team members present were Angela Williams, Angela Boffah, D'Yuanna Allen-Robb, Donna Jean-Jumeau, Roniki Truelove, and Dawn Smith.

Proposed By-Laws

Mr. Smith reported that the By-Laws were never revised to increase the membership from 6 to 7 members. Last revision was approved in November 2014. The Charter was revised in 2022. Article IV: Section 4: will be revised to read "Four members of the seven-member board shall constitute quorum". The By-Laws revision will be on next month's agenda for the Board to approve the change.

State of Public Health

Dr. Areola shared that there have been changes to the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the committee is scheduled to meet on June 25th. He indicated that some of our programs may experience decreased funding, and that the department is continuing to look at impacts as they are disclosed.

Approval of Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

Approval of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented 4 items.

1. **Grant from Tennessee Department of Health - Public Safety Partnerships in High Impact Areas**
Term: September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
Amount: \$144,800
2. **Grant Amendment from the Health Resources & Services Administration – Ryan White Part A**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$1,261,658 (new total \$2,119,379)
3. **Grant – Community Safety Fund Grant – Autism Tennessee**
Term: Execution + 1 year
Amount: \$50,000
4. **Grant from Friends of MACC - Donation**
Term: NA
Amount: \$21,494

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to approve items 1-4. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report of Director

Dr. Areola referred to the update provided in the Board packet (Attachment III) and highlighted several items therein.

Dr. Areola asked Dr. Shaw-KaiKai to give an update on the upcoming Continuing Education Learning Series. Dr. Shaw-KaiKai shared that the next session “Promoting Environmental Health, Sustainability and Adaptation within Public Health is scheduled for July 9th. Speakers include Dr. Paul Petersen (Tennessee Department of Health), Dr. Carol Ziegler, Dr. Anidolee Melville-Chester, John Finke, Lauren Cromer, and Dr. Areola.

Report of Chair

Chair Franklin ask that we look at what we can do to share the importance of public health; this will be added to Board Requests. Chair Franklin asked that if anyone has an agenda item for a future meeting to please notify Rhonda Graham.

New Business

Review of Board Requests of the Department

- Regular updates on the proposed new Woodbine Clinic.
- Report to Board any MACC staff interactions with public where safety is concerned.
- Provide status of MPHD’s financial health update to the Board on a quarterly basis.
- Quarterly updates on the culture of the department.
- Annual Board Report to the Mayor for 2025 to be given to the Board in June.
- Annual Board Report Draft to the Mayor to be given to the Board by March 2026 and beyond.
- Dr. Areola’s priorities to be shared at every meeting until the Strategic Plan is in place.
- Consider having a member of the Youth Advisory Board present at the meetings.
- Dr. Areola to notify the Board what they can do to get the word out about what we are doing in the department and to share talking points at the appropriate time.

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Ms. Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Personnel Changes

Mr. Shelton referred to the May 2025, Personnel Changes.

Mr. Shelton gave an update on 4 out of 5 employees that were dismissed due to loss of funding.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin
Chair