

Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County October 2, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes

The Special Called meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 2:04 p.m. in the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Tené H. Franklin, MS, Chair
Marie Griffin, MD, Member
Rebecca Whitehead, MBA, Member
Morgan McDonald, MD, Member
Heather Corum Powell, Member
Sanmi Areola, Ph.D., Director of Health
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau 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.

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

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. There were none.

Deliberation of Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

Deliberation of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented 9 items.

1. **Grant – Community Safety Initiative – Black Mental Health Village**
Term: Execution + 1 year
Amount: \$30,000
2. **Grant – Community Safety Initiative – We Are One Recovery**
Term: Execution + 1 year
Amount: \$32,000
3. **Grant – Ryan White – Neighborhood Health**
Term: Execution – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$211,866
4. **Grant – Ryan White – Street Works**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$452,444
5. **Grant – Ryan White – Meharry Medical College**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$563,908
6. **Grant – Community Safety Initiative – Raphah Institute**
Term: Execution + 1 year
Amount: \$159,000

7. **Grant – Ryan White – Vanderbilt University Medical Center**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$765,882
8. **Grant – Ryan White – Nashville Cares**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$1,621,095
9. **Grant – Ryan White – We Are One Recovery**
Term: Execution – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$276,202

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to approve items 1-9. Dr. McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Dr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting. Ms. Corum Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Special Called meeting adjourned at 2:09p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Deliberate on Scheduling a Public Hearing Regarding Civil Service Rule 4.5. subsection A, subsection i, subsection b

Mr. Shelton reported that upon the adoption of the new FY26 pay plan, which included a new step structure and new guidelines for the application of the new structure, the previous “two steps” which applied to the ten step pay structure promotional process, should be changes to “three step” in keeping with the intended process and guidelines of the new pay plan for promotions.

This change is necessary because MPHD had established this guideline/process as a rule within our Civil Service Rules which should be changed in keeping with the intent, guidelines and processes of the new pay plan.

Dr. McDonald made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the Civil Service Rule 4.5. subsection A, subsection i, subsection b at the next meeting. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin

Chair