

**Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County
November 13, 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 4:06 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
Carol Ziegler, DNP, Member
Heather Corum Powell, Member
Sanmi Areola, Ph.D., Director of Health
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Abigail Holloway, Interim Human Resources Manager
Rachel Franklin, Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness Bureau Director
Derrick Smith, JD, Metropolitan Department of Law
Erin Evans, Metro Council Member

Public Comment Period (Agenda Items)

Council Member Erin Evans approached the podium and voiced support of agenda item # 7: Deliberation on MACC Bill. She stated that Council Member Sheri Weiner is the primary sponsor and was unable to be present at the meeting. She indicated that 25 district council members are in support of the bill.

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 September 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the September 11, 2025, meeting minutes as distributed. Dr. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deliberation of October 2, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the October 2, 2025, Special called meeting minutes as distributed. Ms. Corum Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee/Team Recognition

Dr. Areola recognized and introduced Larry Turnley for being chosen as the September Employee of the Month. (Attachment I).

Dr. Areola shared that WIC Vendor Management Team was chosen as the September Team of the Month. (Attachment II)

Dr. Areola shared that Ben Jacobs was chosen as the October Employee of the Month. (Attachment III)

Deliberation on MACC Bill

The board discussed the proposed bill, BL2025-106, that Council Member Sheri Weiner has proposed.

Question was asked if nothing else changes with funding and facilities, how does this commission change or improve what issues have been brought up? Dr. Areola answered that he has the same question. We have Friends of MACC, Pet Community Center, etc. that we work with and what is the difference.

Chair Franklin directed the board to review the duties outlined in the bill. When she met with Council Member Sheri Weiner, she voiced her concerns and shared recommendations for the wording which has not been changed.

Chair Franklin made a motion to prepare a response to the duties outlined in a way that is amenable to the Board of Health that maintains the autonomy of the Board of Health and Director of Health. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

State of Public Health

Dr. Areola shared that the big news is that the Senate and House have voted to reopen the government. The State has asked for verification of residency of citizenship that participates in our programs, including CHANT, CSS, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, and Preventive Health Clinics. This verification will impact services offered to some of our clients. Metro Legal is working on providing more clarification on current clients and incoming clients.

Deliberation of Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

Deliberation of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented 8 items.

1. **Subgrant Revision to Nashville Cares – Ryan White**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$1,621,095
2. **Subgrant Revision to We Are One Recovery – Ryan White**
Term: Execution – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$276,202
3. **Subgrant Revision to Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Ryan White**
Term: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026
Amount: \$765,882
4. **Omitted**
5. **Pass the Beauty Grant – Community Safety Initiative**
Term: Execution + 1 year
Amount: \$48,000
6. **Contract Amendment with Lipscomb University Affiliate**
Term: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027
Amount: NA
7. **Friends of MACC Donation**
Term: NA
Amount: \$20,930
8. **MOU with Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency – WIC Mobile**
Term: February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2031
Amount: NA
9. **MOU with Nashville Public Library – WIC Mobile**
Term: February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2031
Amount: NA
10. **Omitted**

Ms. Ziegler made a motion to approve items 1-3 and items 5-9. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report of Director

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

Dr. Areola asked Rachel Franklin, Bureau Director of Communicable Disease and Emergency Preparedness, to give an update on the measles response. Ms. Franklin shared a PowerPoint presentation with the board that depicted the process of testing, confirmation of the test being positive, contact tracing being implemented to reach the 200+ that the person was in contact with. The board thanked Ms. Franklin and her team for what they are doing.

Dr. Areola reported that Abraham Mukolo has been selected as the new Bureau Director of Epidemiology, Strategic Performance, Policy and Evaluation and Abigail Holloway is the Interim Human Resources Director.

Report of Chair

Chair Franklin attended the NALBOH annual meeting and encouraged others to attend if able next year.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Franklin reported that the Chair and Vice-Chair are selected annually.

Due to only four members of the board being present, deferring this to the next meeting was discussed. Mr. Smith stated that Chair Franklin could continue as Chair until her successor is appointed or she is reappointed.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to defer the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to the December meeting. Dr. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business

There were no new requests.

Adjournment

Dr. Griffin made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Public Hearing Regarding Civil Service Rule 4.5, subsection A, subsection i, subsection b

Ms. Holloway stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Shelton had asked the Board to have a public hearing regarding Civil Service Rule 4.5, subsection A, subsection I, subsection b.

Chair Franklin opened the floor for comment. There being none, Chair Franklin closed the hearing.

Civil Service Rule 4.5, subsection A, subsection i, subsection b

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Civil Service Rule 4.5, subsection A, subsection i, subsection b. Ms. Corum Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Request for Extension of Out of Class Pay for Danielle Carter as Animal Care and Control Manager

In accordance with Civil Service Rule 4.10G, Ms. Holloway requested the Board approve the extension of out-of-class pay for Danielle Carter, whose out-of-class service as Animal Care and Control Manager will reach 100 days on November 25, 2025. She stated that interviews are being conducted and that a decision on the successful candidate will be made soon.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the extension of out-of-class pay for Danielle Carter, serving as interim Animal Care and Control Manager. Dr. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Personnel Changes – September 2025

Ms. Holloway referred to the September 2025 Personnel Changes.

Personnel Changes – October 2025

Ms. Holloway referred to the October 2025 Personnel Changes.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin

Chair