

Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County July 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Vice Chair, Carol Ziegler at 4:00 p.m. at the Lentz Public Health Center, Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Carol Ziegler, DNP, Vice Chair
Rebecca Whitehead, MBA, Member
Morgan McDonald, MD, Member
Jeffrey Stovall, MD, Member
D'Yuanna Allen-Robb, MPH, Population Health Bureau Director
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Graham McKissic, MBA, SHRM-P, Human Resource 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

Vice Chair Ziegler asked that Board members who may have declarations of conflict or recusal, or who had communications from the public on agenda items, to state such. There were none.

Deliberation of June 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to approve June 11, 2026, meeting minutes as distributed. Dr. McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deliberation of Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

Deliberation of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented the 4 items.

1. **Childcare Immunization Audit contract amendment**
Term: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027
Amount: \$152,000 (new total \$456,000)
2. **Renaissance TennCare Network Provider Participation contract**
Term: execution +5yrs
Amount: NA
3. **Pet Community Center direct appropriation**
Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Amount: \$60,000
4. **Neighborhood Health direct appropriation**
Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Amount: \$355,200

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

State of Public Health

Ms. Allen-Robb stated she had no remarks on the State of Public Health and requested to move to the Report of Director.

Report of Director

Ms. Allen-Robb stated she was filling in for Dr. Areola. Ms. Allen-Robb shared a few highlights of the Ebola monitoring, activities at this year's PRIDE, Mobile Outreach Clinical Services (MOCS), Back-to-School Vaccine Clinic extended hours, Children's Special Services (CSS) awaiting court decision, Nashville Strong Babies (NSB) funding, pursuing approval from Mayor's Office to submit application for Maternal Produce Prescription Program (MP3), the wrap-up of the Community Safety Taskforce and the upcoming Red Sand Project.

Report of Chair

Vice Chair Ziegler shared that she did not have a report for the Board at this time. Vice Chair Ziegler mentioned she was able to tour the Mobile Unit Bus and excited about the launch.

New Business

Vice Chair Ziegler shared that the Board Request of the Department is listed in the packet. Vice Chair Ziegler asked if there were any requests for the Department and of the Board.

Ms. Whitehead requested an update from Dr. Areola on the change management at the next Board meeting.

Dr. McDonald requested an update from Dr. Areola on the Opioid Settlement Fund audit at the next Board meeting. Dr. McDonald stated she was aware Dr. Areola has been working with the Mayor's Office regarding the best ways of dashboarding some of the funding, community engagement and oversight of those funds.

Adjournment

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Approval of Extension of Administrative Leave with Pay Pending Disciplinary Process for Dr. Anidolee Melville-Chester

Vice Chair Ziegler opened the floor for Mr. McKissic to explain the request for approval of extension of administrative leave with pay pending disciplinary process for Dr. Anidolee Melville-Chester. Mr. McKissic stated he may take questions but will need to defer to Legal counsel or Dr. Areola.

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to approve the extension of administrative leave with pay pending completion of the disciplinary process for Dr. Anidolee Melville-Chester. Dr. Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Personnel Changes – June 2026

Mr. McKissic referred to the June 2026 Personnel Changes.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Ziegler adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

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Chair