

Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County September 10, 2026, 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 4:02 p.m. at the Lentz Public Health Center, Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Tené H. Franklin, MS, Chair
Carol Ziegler, DNP, Vice Chair
Rebecca Whitehead, MBA, Member
Morgan McDonald, MD, Member
Heather Corum Powell, Member
Jeffrey Stovall, MD, Member
Tonya Gunter, MS, CDI and OMW Manager
Khalid Kader, Communicable Disease Contact Investigator
Hope Riek, Communicable Disease Contact Investigator
Colton, McCay, MPH, Epidemiologist
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Sanmi Areola, Ph.D., Director of Health
Abigail Holloway, Interim 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

Chair Franklin 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 August 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ziegler made a motion to approve August 13, 2026, meeting minutes as distributed. Ms. Corum Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deliberation of Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

Deliberation of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented items 1, 2 and 4. Mr. Diamond asked for item 3 provided in the advance packet to be withdrawn upon recommendation from Metro Legal.

1. **The Nextdoor, Inc. opioid subgrant**
Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
Amount: \$384,000
2. **Nashville Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition opioid subgrant**
Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
Amount: \$521,331

4. Vanderbilt University Medical Center Anchor opioid subgrant

Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028

Amount: \$1,500,000

Dr. Ziegler made a motion to approve items 1, 2, and 4. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PHIG Funding Update Presentation

Mr. Diamond presented the PHIG Funding Update presentation. Chair Franklin requested this presentation be available for public viewing.

TB Presentation

Ms. Gunter, Mr. Kader, Ms. Riek and Mr. McKay presented the TB presentation.

Employee/ Team Recognition

Dr. Areola shared there were no Employee/ Team Recognition for the month of July.

Report of Director

Dr. Areola shared updates listed in the Director's Update. (Attachment I).

Report of Chair

Chair Franklin shared that she did not have a report for the Board at this time. Chair Franklin mentioned she recently attended Hope is Available on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, hosted by the Behavior Health & Wellness (BHW) Division and Mr. Sheldon Walker. Chair Franklin shared she will be attending Hope is Available Community Day, Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Coleman Park Community Center, at 11:00am – 3:00pm.

New Business

Chair Franklin stated she had no request from the Board; however, suggested the health department improve their website to make it more user friendly.

Dr. Sanmi stated he had no request from the Health department.

Adjournment

Dr. Ziegler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Franklin adjourned the regular meeting at 5:19 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Personnel Changes – August 2026

Ms. Holloway referred to the August 2026 Personnel Changes.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin
Chair