Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County
October 8, 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
Marie Griffin, MD, Member
Rebecca Whitehead, MBA, Member
Morgan McDonald, MD, Member
Heather Corum Powell, Member
Jeffrey Stovall, MD, Member
Jim Diamond, MBA, Finance and Admin. Bureau Director
Sanmi Areola, Ph.D., Director of Health
Abigail Holloway, Interim Human Resource Manager
Matt Peters, Director of Communications
Derrick Smith, JD, Metropolitan Department of Law
Yolonda Radford, B.S, Advisor, Youth Advisory Board (YAB)
Gideon Shin, YAB Chair
Daniel Lee, YAB Member

Heart of Nashville Presenters;
Mark Yancy, Nashville Health
Gretchen Funk, Nashville Health
Sarah Lonn-Maher, Nashville Health
Dr. Catherine Bass, Belmont University
Dr. Marquinta Harvey, Belmont University
C.J. Sentell, Nashville Food Project
Bianca Morton, Nashville Food Project
Carrie Brumfield, Senior Ride Nashville
Mandy Spears, Sycamore Institute
Katina Beard, Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center
Shatiqua Jamerson, Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center

Public Comment Period (Agenda Items)
There were no requests to comment.

Public Comment Period (Community Voices)
There were no requests to comment.
Chair Franklin recognized Daniel Lee. Mr. Lee attends Wilson Central High School and is a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the health department.

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 September 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Dr. Stovall made a motion to approve September 10, 2026, meeting minutes as distributed. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Franklin asked the board members for approval to move the Employee/Team Recognition up to item #7 on the agenda. All were in favor.

Deliberation of Grant Applications
There were no grant applications.

Deliberation of Grants and Contracts
Mr. Diamond presented items 1-10.

1. **HIV Surveillance & Prevention direct appropriation**
   Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
   Amount: $696,500

2. **Grant in Aid Grant**
   Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
   Amount: $765,200
3. **My Father's House Opioid Grant**
   Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
   Amount: $41,693
4. **Women Infant Children Grant Amendment**
   Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
   Amount: $251,199 (new total $16,249,786)
5. **Samaritan Recovery Community Opioid Grant**
   Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
   Amount: $1,469,770
6. **Why We Can't Wait Community Safety Grant**
   Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
   Amount: $375,000
7. **"REVISED" Nashville Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition Opioid Grant**
   Term: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
   Amount: $521,331
8. **STI Prevention Services Grant Amendment**
   Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027
   Amount: $299,319 (New total $2,589,092)
9. **TB Control & Prevention Grant**
   Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
   Amount: $1,562,900
10. **TSU Right of Entry Agreement**
    Term: Date of Execution – June 30, 2031
    Amount: $0

Dr. McDonald made a motion to approve items 1-10. Ms. Whitehead seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee/ Team Recognition

Dr. Areola recognized members of the Food and Public Facilities team as the Team of the Month for August. There were no nominations for Employee of the Month.

Heart of Nashville Presentation

Members of the Nashville Health Team gave a presentation on their program. (Attachment I)

Health Department Website Presentation

Mr. Peters gave a presentation on the website. (Attachment II)

Report of Director

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

Report of Chair

Chair Franklin will be representing the health department at the NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) next week in San Antonio.

New Business

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Dr. Stovall inquired into the process for election of the board members. Chair Franklin shared annually board members elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair Franklin recommended doing the election in December. Dr. Areola stated that the change of administration must begin in December and Mr. Smith concurred.

Board Requests of the Department: Chair Franklin stated that she will talk to Mrs. Booker and edit these. Ms. Whitehead asked Dr. Areola about the quarterly cultural update of the department. Dr. Areola shared that this information is included in the Director's Update and Performance Priorities. Dr. Areola offered to do a PowerPoint presentation to share what the department is doing on a quarterly basis.

Departmental Requests of the Board: Dr. Areola stated he had no request from the health department. Dr. Areola shared that the Board Request will need to be refined as some items have been completed.

Adjournment

Dr. Stovall made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Franklin adjourned the regular meeting at 5:22 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Personnel Changes – September 2026

Chair Franklin asked Ms. Radford to introduce the YAB member that came in after the meeting began. Ms. Radford introduced Gideon Shin who is the newly elected YAB Chair. Mr. Shin, a student at Brentwood High School, reported that the YAB may have a presentation for the board next month.

Ms. Holloway referred to the September 2026 Personnel Changes.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin
Chair