

**Weber-Morgan Board of Health**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 22, 2021**

The Weber-Morgan Board of Health held its regular meeting on March 22, 2021 by conference/teleconference call in the Health Department auditorium at 477 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The meeting is called to order at 4:06 p.m. with Ali Martinez presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ali Martinez	Ken Johnson	Gage Froerer	Tina Kelley
Neil Garner	Jer Bates	Jared Andersen	Leonard Call
Kevin Eastman	Bonnie Wahlen	Alex McDonald	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Frank Brown	Donna Chapman
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Cowan	Michela Harris	Jarelyn Cox	Skyler Pyle
Amy Carter	Lori Buttars	JoAnn Wengreen	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Chris Crockett	Jeremy Shinoda	Brandan Quinney
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**Welcome and Introductions-Ali Martinez**

**Ali Martinez** calls the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and welcomes those in attendance and excuses Frank Brown and Donna Chapman. She reads the Authorization to Conduct an Electronic Meeting Without an Anchor Location document.

**Approval of Board of Health Minutes of January 25, 2021**

**Motion Passes**

A **MOTION** is made by **Leonard Call** and **SECONDED** by **Kevin Eastman** to approve the minutes as written. The **MOTION** passes unanimously.

**COVID-19 Update- Amy Carter/Skyler Pyle**

**Information Only**

**Amy Carter** updates board members on statistics of nation, state, and local COVID-19 numbers. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, there have been 29,652,482 cases in the United States accounting for 539,517 deaths. The state of Utah reports having 381,788 cases with 2,062 deaths. Weber and Morgan counties have had a total of 28,458 cases and 193 deaths. Weber County has had 27,305 cases with 182 deaths and Morgan County has had 1.153 cases with 11 deaths. Both Weber and Morgan counties remain in the Moderate Level of Transmission at this time. **Skyler Pyle** updates board members on vaccine distribution efforts underway and expresses thanks to our community partners for helping to carry out the plan and for the support given to the health department. Mass clinics continue to be held at the Dee Events Center on the Weber State University campus as well as in Morgan. There have been 49,476 vaccinations given at the Dee Event's Center since January. Adding numbers of doses given by community partners makes a total of 68,406 vaccinations given in Weber and Morgan counties with 31,892 residents who are now fully vaccinated. She explains the new appointment process through [vaccinate.utah.gov](http://vaccinate.utah.gov) as well as how to find additional clinics through [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org). Board members express both

appreciation and gratitude in the way the health department continues in moving forward to help the community.

**Update on Annex 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor-Brian Cowan**

**Information Only**

**Brian Cowan** reviews progress made with plans to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the health department Annex. Final plans have been received in which about 25-30 additional staff could be housed along with one large and two smaller meeting areas. Tentative budget discussed with the architecture company was \$600,000 but is estimated to be just over \$1M. Anticipate discussing funding proposals within the next few months. Board members are welcome to schedule a visit to the annex. **Gage Froerer** mentions money may be available through the recent Federal Recovery Act.

**Director's Report-Brian Cowan**

**Information Only**

**Brian Cowan** gives highlights of several legislative bills which pertain to public health. HB0294 terminates the state face mask mandate on April 10, 2021 with the exception of gatherings of 50 or more people and schools K-12 which will extend to July 1, 2021 unless the three criteria identified in the bill are met sooner. The bill also allows businesses as well as public and private entities to continue with mask use if they choose and the county is working to develop a plan. SB195 spells out authority from local health departments and county governing bodies to initiate a new public health order. SB187 requires local health departments to notify local education authority before issuing a public health order. HB30 says a government entity may not require directly or indirectly that an individual receive an emergency COVID-19 vaccine. HB365 looks at combining the Utah Department of Health with Human Services at the state level. SB189 changed language in the Tobacco Retailer Regulation penalty section from 'may' to 'shall' and raised some of the fines. HB94 will allow people to get a permit from the health department to cook food in their residential kitchen and sell it to the public. He states that recruitment has begun for an Administration Deputy Director, Lead Office Specialist for Board of Health, and three additional Nurses. Next month's Board of Health meeting will be April 26 at 4:00 pm. and held at the health department which will include the Annual Board Retreat.

**Chair's Report-Ali Martinez**

**Information Only**

**Ali Martinez** says there is no report. **Tina Kelley** informs board members the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH) Symposium will be held in September and plans are underway for it to be held in person. **Ken Johnson** says the National Association of Boards of Health (NALBOH) is also being planned for August and will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Public Comment**

There is no public comment.

The meeting adjourns at 5:22 p.m.