



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026 | 3:00-5:00 pm

4041 N. Central Avenue, 14th Floor, Phoenix, AZ

ITEM	TOPIC/ACTION	TYPE	PRESENTER
1.	<p>Call to Order @ 3:01 p.m.</p> <p>A. Roll Call Members Present: President Joanne Osborne, Vice President Mary Schraven, Jack Ragan, Niusha Hinz, Dr. Stefanie Schroeder, Chuck Catlin, Veronica Oros, Lorenzo Sierra, Machrina Leach, Dr. Matthew Farber (3:10 p.m.)</p> <p>Absent Members: Supervisor Debbie Lesko</p> <p>B. Call to the Public Trevor Baggione and Andrea Cooper wish to speak on Agenda Item 5 (B) – Environmental Services EROP Case-ES-2025-005.</p>	Action	President Osborne
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes (timestamp-1:34) Approval of the October 2025 minutes</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked the board for a motion to approve the October 27, 2025, minutes.</p> <p>Motion to approve the October 27, 2025, minutes: Chuck Catlin Second: Veronica Oros Motion status: Approved unanimously</p>	Discuss /Action	President Osborne
3.	<p>Introduction of New Board Members (timestamp-1:57)</p> <p>A. Machrina Leach, At-Large Member B. Niusha Hinz, Representing Supervisorial District 1</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne welcomed new members, Machrina Leach and Niusha Hinz, and asked them to introduce themselves to the board.</p>	Discuss	Jeanene Fowler*



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	*Jeanene Fowler joined the meeting online at 3:13 p.m. and in person at 3:30 p.m.		
4.	<p>Environmental Services - Fee Waiver Applications <i>(timestamp-4:10)</i></p> <p>Request for Board of Health approval of thirteen (13) fee waiver applications marked P1-P10 and C1-C3</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked for a reminder of why the Tolleson school district's fees were higher than usual.</p> <p>Robert Stratman explained that the fees are based on the number of classes attended. Because they request more than one class, the fees are a multiple of the number of classes they request throughout the entire year.</p> <p>Motion to approve thirteen (13) fee waiver applications marked P1-P-10 and C1-C3: Mary Schraven Second: Chuck Catlin Motion Status: Approved unanimously</p>	Discuss /Action	Robert Stratman
5.	<p>Environmental Services – Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program (EROP) <i>(timestamp-7:50)</i></p> <p>A. EROP Case ES-2025-004/Maricopa County Environmental Health Code Fee Changes Request for BOH approval to continue according to the EROP Standard Process for additional stakeholder outreach.</p> <p>Dr. Farber asked how long these fee changes will allow the department to keep its finances balanced.</p> <p>Andy Linton replied that they like to do an in-depth study every 3-5 years.</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked if this is approved, when will the new fees go into effect?</p>	Discuss /Action	Andy Linton



	<p>Andy Linton stated that their plan is to have the fees take effect upon Board of Supervisors approval.</p> <p>Vice President Mary Schraven asked if having some fees decrease was the best vision while doing this big sweeping change.</p> <p>Andy Linton explained that some decreases were due to changes, such as reducing the frequency of full-service restaurant inspections from four times a year to three, to align with every other jurisdiction. The department wanted to provide accurate information to the model, ensuring integrity when presenting it to the Board of Health and stakeholders.</p> <p>Lorenzo Sierra asked what the ideal amount of a funds balance is, where it sits, and whether it earns anything when sitting.</p> <p>Andy Linton noted the funds are generally used for one-time costs such as replacing vehicles or laptops. They try to have six months of operating costs in the fund balance. He was unsure of how the fund was specifically invested, but committed to following up with the details.</p> <p>Motion to approve to continue according to the EROP Standard Process for additional stakeholder outreach. Dr. Schroeder Second: Chuck Catlin Motion Status: Approved unanimously</p> <p>B. EROP Case ES-2025-005/Wastewater Treatment Plants <i>(timestamp-33:44)</i> Request for BOH approval to proceed according to the EROP Standard Process for additional stakeholder outreach.</p> <p>Trevor Baggione introduced himself to the Board as the director of the Water Quality Division at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. He</p>		
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	<p>is attending today to support moving forward with the Environmental Services department's work on wastewater treatment plants.</p> <p>Andrea Cooper noted she was in favor of the case; however, she had no further comments at this time.</p> <p>Motion to approve to continue according to the EROP Standard Process for additional stakeholder outreach. Mary Schraven Second: Chuck Catlin Motion Status: Approved unanimously</p>		
6.	<p>Maricopa County Department of Public Health</p> <p>A. Heat Season Update (<i>timestamp-45:56</i>)</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked what the percentage of use in the cooling and respite centers is.</p> <p>Dr. Staab explained that it varies due to the location and size of the sites. It also depends on the time of day, but our surveys show that we are not hitting capacity, which is good.</p> <p>Lorenzo Sierra asked what effect increasing hours of availability from the 2024-2025 season had.</p> <p>Dr. Staab noted that having extended evening hours when needed has helped, as has partnering with 211 to direct people to sites that offer extended hours.</p> <p>Mary Schraven asked for an update on how offering rides to the cooling centers is working.</p> <p>Kelli Williams, MCDPH Deputy Director, shared that they partner with Solari and changed the methodology with them this past year. They discovered that they could help some individuals who had become super users of the system last year by case-managing them. Clear Channel has also been a big supporter, and its</p>	Discuss	Jeanene Fowler Dr. Nick Staab



	<p>billboards directing people to call 211 have been a great help in getting the word out.</p> <p>B. Respiratory Virus Season (<i>timestamp-59:26</i>)</p> <p>Dr. Farber asked whether Diphtheria falls under this data and how we are doing with it.</p> <p>Dr. Staab responded that this data was on viral respiratory illness and was not included in these numbers. In theory, we are seeing an impact from vaccinations, and the cases are often associated with travel.</p> <p>Dr. Schroeder noted she was under the impression that the flu was more severe this year, but we are seeing fewer cases in these numbers.</p> <p>Dr. Staab stated it was too early to tell, and it may be weeks or months yet. The hospitalization data currently under investigation does not show that.</p> <p>Machrina Leach asked what the RSV season is currently looking like.</p> <p>Dr. Staab replied that it has barely topped as of now.</p> <p>C. Vaccines Status (<i>timestamp-66:26</i>)</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked how much time the Vaccines for Children program has to change its guidance to align with HHS.</p> <p>Dr. Staab responded that they currently do not have to, as the CDC has not changed its schedule.</p>		
7.	<p>Maricopa County Department of Public Health (<i>timestamp-70:56</i>) Ryan White Program Presentation</p> <p>Dr. Farber asked if the current funding has been a reason this program has been so successful.</p>	Discuss	<p>Jeanene Fowler Jeremy Hyvarinen Kelli Williams Carmen Batista</p>



	<p>Jeanene Fowler answered that there has been a coordinated effort to fund this appropriately, and this has helped more than anything.</p> <p>Dr. Schroeder asked how you become a client of the Ryan White program.</p> <p>Jeremy Hyvarinen stated that they work with clinics and testing sites to provide information to connect individuals to services, often same day, and can even make them eligible for services with a preliminary diagnosis.</p>		
8.	<p>Adjournment (<i>timestamp-84:35</i>)</p> <p>President Joanne Osborne asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: Chuck Catlin</p> <p>Second: Dr. Schroeder</p> <p>Motion status: Approved unanimously</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.</p> <p>The next Maricopa County Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026.</p>	Action	President Osborne

