

Southwest Utah Board of Health

Festival Hall Rooms 5 & 6
105 N 100 E
Cedar City, Utah
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mr. Kent Peterson Iron County
Commissioner Paul Cozzens.....Iron County
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County
Mr. Kaden Figgins.....Garfield County
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.....Beaver County
Dr. Kenneth Snow.....Washington County
Ms. Jerica BauerKane County
Commissioner Celeste MeyeresKane County
Commissioner Victor Iverson.....Washington County

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Jerry Taylor.....Garfield County

Others Present:

Dr. David W. Blodgett, Director/Health Officer.....SWUPHD
Mr. Cameron Mitchell, Deputy Health Officer.....SWUPHD
Mr. Logan Wrigley, Business Manager.....SWUPHD
Ms. RuthAnne Watt, Administrative Liaison SWUPHD
Mr. Brandon Ray, Administrative Services Director.....SWUPHD
Mr. Jeremy Roberts, Environmental Health Director.....SWUPHD

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to accept the minutes from December 2025 and January 28th work meeting. Commissioner Wade Hollingshead seconded the motion. Passed unanimously
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Welcome New Board Members	New board member: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kaden Figgins – official appointed member from Garfield County. Brings expertise from Planning.
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Election of a new Chair and Co-Chair by Dr. Blodgett	New chair election: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washington County as the new chair (Commissioner Iverson) & Beaver County as the new co-chair (Commissioner Hollingshead) Mr. Scott Symond made the motion. Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
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Meeting has been handed over to Commissioner Iverson as Chair

Financial Update

by Logan Wrigley

2026 Actuals vs Budget

- 1 month into the year at 8.3% of the year. Total Revenues: 11% of total budget. Total Expenditures: 8% of total budget.
- More revenues are received at the beginning of the year due to County Contributions being submitted.

Statement of financial position

- Assets & Liabilities given

Accept financial report as presented.

Commissioner Paul Cozzens made the motion, **Mr. Scott Symond** seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Water Hauling Rule update and considerations on amending or eliminating the rule

After the work meeting the health department realized there are couple of conflicts that have been created in the rule. We want to get the boards opinion for moving forward and included in the hearing.

- Current rule: applies to individual wells and small, mostly remote systems. DEQ takes care of anything that has more than 8-14 connections.
- Apply for septic permit -> Septic Requirements in State Rule -> Permit

With the elimination of the water hauling the non-public drinking water rule for Southwest Utah.

- Will affect 4.0 Approved potable water supply required.
 - 4.1.3 would need to be removed with water hauling being removed or
 - If there is a water system or a well available within so many feet with approved water rights you must connect to the well. Water hauling should be a last resort.
 - Create a standardize form that each county must fill out and submit to the health department.
 - Effective date for county ordinances would be 3 months after the updated non-public drinking water regulation is approved.
- Will affect 3.0 General Powers and Duties
 - 3.1.2 would need to be removed. This would allow the health department to say water is needed, but no verification.

Dr. Blodgett is recommending if 6.0 water hauling is removed then the entire non-public drinking water regulation should probably be repealed as well.

Suggestion:

- Health Department still issues the septic permit and collects fees. Maintain the responsibility for the water source of initial testing of wells as a requirement for the septic permit. An asterisk would be included on the septic permit stating a letter from the county has been received that the water hauling source has been approved.
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4.1.3 updated to state “The building is to be serviced by water hauling as approved, and verified by the county within which the property is located.”

Dr. Kenneth Snow made the motion, **Mr. Kaden Figgins** seconded.
Passed unanimously.

A standard form, created by the health department, will be submitted from each county.

Legislative Update

by Dr. Blodgett

- HB 22 – Exempt old cars from passing air quality
- HB 88 – Law that would require verification of lawful presence of certain public assistance benefits. This could affect several of our programs...WIC & Immunizations.
- ADA requirements for government websites and requirements for mapping data
- HB 152 – Education vaccine exemption amendments - Failed to pass out of committee
- 3 bills dealing with raw milk. The one that seems to be moving forward the best is HB 179.
- HB 229 – Fund created for tax of e-cigarettes. Remove the requirement that the fee comes to LHD for enforcement.
- HB 338 – cold plunge wants to expand the size. LHDs suggesting meet all the requirements except temperature.
- HB 337 – proposes \$6 per pack on tax. Not sure where the tax goes.
- HB 379 - Remove the requirements for inspecting daycare center for kitchens. Move it to a separate rule for state licensing.

Cedar City Building Considerations

Closed Session to consider Cedar City property

by Dr. Blodgett

Commissioner Celeste Meyeres made a motion to go into closed session to consider Cedar City property. **Mr. Scott Symond** seconded.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Paul Cozzens – Yes, Commissioner Wade Hollingshead – Yes, Commissioner Celeste Meyeres – Yes, Mr. Kaden Figgins – Yes, Dr. Kenneth Snow – Yes, Mr. Scott Symond – Yes, Mr. Kent Peterson – Yes, Mrs. Jerica Bauer - Yes

Mr. Kent Peterson made a motion to reopen board of health meeting
Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded
Passed unanimously

Closed Session Information:

- Discussed purchase of property behind health department

Mr. Kaden Figgins made a motion to approve requested amount for the purchase of the property behind the health department.

Mr. Scott Symond seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Approval of MRC members

by Dr. Blodgett

MRC members for each county were given to the commissioners for approval and signatures.

- Please send information to the board regarding MRC membership and what it includes.

**Southwest Utah
Public Health
Foundation**

Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to suspend regular board of health meeting and open into the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation meeting
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously.

Logan Wrigley presented balance sheet and profit and loss for the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation

- Showing a small net loss for the foundation. 1 transaction to keep non-profit status
- Revenue and expenses are usually pretty closely match
- Plan to expand the role of the foundation but have not had the resources.
 - Sleep conference with experts. Joint with Davis County.
 - If there is a lot interest in supporting sleep efforts is there a concern about putting sponsorships in the magazine and the monies would potentially go into the Foundation. Board doesn't have an issue with this. Expand the reach beyond the magazine and puts it in front of more people in a more attainable way.

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead made a motion to accept the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation financial report as presented.

Mr. Scott Symond seconded the motion.

Passed unanimous

Commissioner Victor Iverson made a motion to move out of the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation meeting and back into regular board of health meeting.

Dr. Kenneth Snow seconded the motion.

Passed unanimously

Sleep Initiative
by Dr. Blodgett

As the health department moves forward with the sleep initiative, we will bring items to share and progress to the board of health meetings.

Other Business
Meeting Schedule
by Dr. Blodgett

2026 Meeting Schedule

- February 11, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- October 14, 2026
- December 9, 2026

Dr. Kenneth Snow made a motion to accept the 2026 meeting schedule.

Mrs. Jerica Bauer seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting schedule will be posted.

Water hauling updated recommended language will be posted to the public notice website.

Presentation
by Dr. Blodgett

- Measles update given
- Most of the cases are unvaccinated individual.
- Continued Micronutrients presentation given
- Moderation in everything

Adjournment

Commissioner Victor Iverson adjourned the meeting at **12:01pm**

Chairman, Board of Health

Date

Secretary, Board of Health

Date

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