

Southwest Utah Board of Health

Festival Hall Rooms 5 & 6
105 N 100 E
Cedar City, Utah
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Victor Iverson.....Washington 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
Ms. Courtney Singara, Washington County Deputy Attorney.....Washington County

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes Approval **Commissioner Celeste Meyeres** made a motion to accept the minutes from **February 2026** as presented. **Commissioner Paul Cozzens** seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Financial Update 2026 Actuals vs Budget

by Logan Wrigley

- 3 months into the year - 25% of the year.
- Total Revenues: 26% of total budget.
- Total Expenditures: 20% of total budget.

Statement of financial position

- Assets & Liabilities given

Commissioner Jerry Taylor made the motion to accept the financial report as presented, **Dr. Kenneth Snow** seconded. Passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

by Dr. Blodgett

A lot of the bills will be pointed toward public health.

- Changes made to raw milk availability
- Study tobacco in the interim – enforcement of specialty shops move to Department of Agriculture
- Push to remove all funding to LHDs from the state
- Changes to e-cigarette tax funding
- Attempt to change immunization requirements for attending school

A lot of work going on to help with the state-health department relationship.

Approval of Amendments to the non-public drinking water rule

Hearing officer's report of the public hearing

- Commissioner Celeste Meyeres served as the hearing officer
- Public Hearing was held at the Southwest Utah Public Health Department in St. George.
- If this moves forward there will be a way to move the Southwest Utah Public Health Department out and the individual counties in.

Report of other public comments

- Less than 10 members of the public attended. All were in favor of the proposed amendment to the non-public drinking water rule
- 4.1.3 amendment – The building is to be serviced by water hauling as approved, and verified by the county within which the property is located.
- Remove 6.0 water hauling completely from the non-public drinking water rule.

The health department will send a letter to Clerk, Planning, Cities, Health Board Liaisons and Board members.

Mr. Kaden Figgins made the motion to approve the proposed amendments (sections 4 and 6) to the non-public drinking water rule as presented with an effective date of July 8, 2026, **Ms. Jerica Bauer** seconded. Passed unanimously.

Proposed Changes to the Fee Schedule

by Cameron Mitchell

Hearing officer's report of the public hearing

- Cameron Mitchell served as the hearing officer
- Advertised for the required amount of time and held a public hearing as required.
- Public Hearing was held at the Southwest Utah Public Health Department in St. George. There was no public in attendance.

Report of other public comments

- No members of the public attended.

We try to maintain consistency when looking at the fees. The fees are based off hourly amount of how long it is taking to perform the services.

- Food Establishments (new fee) – Change of ownership
 - Bridge the gap when establishments are sold to a new owner

- Update to the septic system and alternative septic system fees as this is taking more time
- Existing septic inspection – the health department was getting very few of these and the liquid waste haulers will take over that verification
- Getting requests for complex pool systems so those plan review fees were included to address the more in-depth look this requires
- Updates to clinical services for giving vaccines and the flu shots
- CPR class fee established

Commissioner Jerry Taylor made the motion to approve the proposed changes to the fee schedule as presented. **Mr. Kaden Figgins** seconded. Passed unanimously.

Other Business
by Dr. Blodgett

- Appreciate the health department coming into Kane County and teaching classes at the Senior Center.
- Hired custodians in the Health Department that is giving better overall services for taking care of both the inside and outside of the building. It has been a nice improvement.

Presentation
by Dr. Blodgett

- Measles update
 - Numbers so far this year have already surpassed the numbers from all of 2025.
- Continued presentation on micronutrients
 - Vitamin A
 - Omega 3, 6, and 9
 - Sodium
 - Dietary Fiber
 - Iron
 - Iodine

Adjournment

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead adjourned the meeting at **12:05pm**

Chairman, Board of Health

Date

Secretary, Board of Health

Date