
Board Members Present

Mr. Richard Swanson, Chair
Dr. Ryan Stewart, MD, Vice-Chair
Dr. Gary Alexander, MD
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu
Mayor Joy Petro

Mr. Troy Wood
Mr. Brandon Hatch
Dr. Candice Smith, MD
Mr. Brian Hatch, Director
Mr. Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy Attorney

Davis County Health Department Staff and Guests Present

Austin Andrews, PM/QI Coordinator
David Spence, Deputy Department Director, Health
Rachelle Blackham, Deputy Department Director, Seniors
Jay Clark, Division Director, Environmental Health
Liz Carlisle, Division Director, Administration
Ivy Melton Sales, Community Health, Division Director
Sarah Willardson, CD/Epi, Division Director

Aimee Dussol, Administration
Trevor Warner, Administration
Jonnathan Rodriguez, Environmental Health
Emily Chowen, Family Health
David Stephenson, Family Health
Tasha Baugh, Senior Services

Welcome/Call to Order (0:00:01)

(Rich Swanson)

The meeting of the Davis County Board of Health was held Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Board of Health Chair, Rich Swanson.

Review Minutes (Action) (0:00:16)

(Rich Swanson)

The minutes from the November 25, 2025 meeting were presented to the members and reviewed.

Mr. Swanson asked for a motion to approve said minutes. Mayor Petro motioned for the minutes to be approved. Mr. Brandon Hatch seconded the motion. All were in favor, the vote was unanimous.

Fluoride Regulation - Rescind (Action) (0:00:47)

(Jay Clark)

Mr. Jay Clark, Division Director of Environmental Health, provided a brief history of fluoridation in Davis County, including its voter approval in 2000 and subsequent regulatory oversight by the Board of Health. Mr. Clark explained that recent state legislation prohibits the addition of fluoride to public water systems and prevents local jurisdictions from enforcing related regulations. As a result, the current Board of Drinking Water Fluoridation Regulation is no longer enforceable.

Discussion among Board members acknowledged the public health benefits historically associated with fluoridation, as well as anticipated long-term impacts following its removal. Members also discussed the importance of public education moving forward, particularly in promoting alternative methods for maintaining oral health.



Mr Troy Wood made a motion to rescind the Davis County Board of Health Drinking Water Fluoridation Regulation in accordance with state law, with the understanding that the Board continues to support fluoride as a public health measure and that the action is being taken to comply with legal requirements. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gary Alexander. All were in favor, and the vote was unanimous.

Sleep Resolution (Action) (0:13:05)

(Dave Spence)

Mr. David Spence, Deputy Director, presented a resolution establishing sleep as a priority for health and well-being in Davis County. The resolution outlined the importance of sleep in supporting physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life, and introduced evidence-based strategies to improve sleep hygiene across the population.

Mr. Spence emphasized that this resolution serves as the formal kickoff of a broader public health initiative focused on sleep, which includes internal staff training, community outreach, and partnerships with other health departments. The initiative is designed to provide consistent, accessible messaging and encourage long-term behavioral change across multiple populations, including youth and older adults.

Board members discussed minor clarifications to the language of the resolution, particularly regarding the timing of certain behaviors that may impact sleep. Additional discussion highlighted the importance of tailoring messaging to diverse populations while maintaining clear and consistent public health guidance.

Dr. Gary Alexander made a motion to adopt the Sleep Resolution with minor revisions to clarify language. The motion was seconded by Mayor Petro. All were in favor, and the vote was unanimous.

Open Meetings Training (Information) (0:35:00)

(Neal Geddes)

Mr. Neal Geddes, Chief Deputy Attorney, provided the Board with its annual Open Meetings Act training. The training included a review of key definitions, requirements for public notice and agenda setting, and expectations for conducting meetings in an open and transparent manner.

Mr. Geddes also reviewed recent updates to the law, including clarifications around what constitutes a meeting and how members of a public body may communicate outside of a formal meeting without violating the Act. Additional topics included requirements for maintaining meeting minutes and recordings, procedures for closed sessions, and guidance for handling public comment and disruptions.

The Board acknowledged completion of the required Open Meetings training.



Division Annual Reports (Information) (0:53:43)

(Division Directors)

Division Directors presented highlights from their 2025 annual reports, summarizing key accomplishments, program outcomes, and ongoing initiatives across the department.

Senior Services reported expanded programming and partnerships, including increased access to nutrition services, successful volunteer engagement efforts, and continued alignment with the division's four-year plan. Environmental Health highlighted major projects such as implementation of a new data management system, expanded outreach and education efforts, and continued work in air quality monitoring and environmental response. Family Health presented their focused efforts on outreach and working with the community. Community Health highlighted their use of data to strengthen programs across the division.

Directors noted that the annual reports reflect significant effort across all divisions and encouraged Board members to review the full documents for additional detail. Overall, the presentations emphasized the department's continued focus on service delivery, community partnerships, and measurable impact. Due to time constraints, the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology division annual report will be presented at the next board meeting.

Budget Update (Information) (1:25:35)

(Liz Carlise)

Ms. Liz Carlise provided an update on the department's budget. The budget remains on track, with expected variations related to timing of revenue recognition and planned allocations. No concerns were raised, and there were no follow-up questions from the Board.

UALBOH Report (Information) (1:26:50)

(Brandon Hatch)

Mr. Brandon Hatch provided an update on the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health (UALBOH), including ongoing planning for upcoming meetings and conferences. Additional details will be shared as they become available. The conference will be held in Layton in April 2026.

Director's Report (Information) (1:27:31)

(Brian Hatch)

Mr. Brian Hatch provided updates on departmental priorities and ongoing initiatives. He highlighted continued efforts to align resources with public health priorities, including increased focus on communication strategies and public education campaigns. Mr. Brian Hatch took a moment to recognize four employees who were nominated and won department employee distinction awards.

Commissioner's Report (Information) (1:34:13)

(Lorene Kamalu)

Commissioner Kamalu shared updates on matters relevant to the Board, including ongoing county initiatives and areas of focus impacting public health and community services.



Chair's Report (*Information*) (1:35:00)

(Rich Swanson)

Chair Swanson provided brief remarks and acknowledged the work of the Board and department staff.

Meeting Adjourned (1:36:45)

(Mayor Petro)

Mayor Petro adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.