

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Boulder County Board of Health (BOH) Special Meeting
Online/Telephonic Meeting
March 17, 2021

BOH Members: President Gregg Thomas; Vice President Jorge DeSantiago; and Board Members Brooke Harrison and Morgan McMillan. Absent: Board Member Landrey Fagan.

BCPH Staff: Public Health Director Jeff Zayach; Deputy Public Health Director Lexi Nolen; Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika; Interim Director of Administration & Finance Maryel Barron; Communicable Disease & Emergency Management Division Manager Indira Gujral; Acting Community Health Division Manager Heather Crate; Health Planning & Evaluation Manager Kelli Hintch; Health Planner Megan Noel; COVID-19 Resource Coordinator Nick Robles; IT Manager Dina Reavis; IT Specialist John McCarthy; and Business Operations Manager Tammy Golden.

Meeting Called to Order.

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and asked all participants to identify themselves for the record (see above). He declared that a quorum was present, that notice of the meeting was posted on the Board of Health website, and that call-in information was included to allow for public participation. Due to COVID-19, President Thomas said the meeting was being conducted virtually.

ITEM 1. Farewell Tribute to Director of Strategic Initiatives Branch Susan Motika.

Public Health Director Jeff Zayach announced that Director of Strategic Initiatives Susan Motika was retiring on April 9, 2021, after six years at Boulder County Public Health (BCPH). President Thomas read a letter of appreciation into the record, acknowledging Ms. Motika's contributions to BCPH and the community to assure that all county residents had the opportunity for a healthy life.

Ms. Motika was responsible for forming the Strategic Initiatives Branch to centralize and support development of the agency's strategic initiative efforts. She had a strong focus on health equity, health planning and evaluation, communications, information technology, and development of a robust policy focus that would advance the agency for years to come. Ms. Motika supported the development of many thriving leaders at BCPH who benefited from her exemplary leadership and coaching. They are now strong public health leaders who will use their skills and committed public health guidance and representation to advance public health in Boulder County and across the state and nation.

Ms. Motika led the advancement of many policy issues that community members throughout the state are benefitting from, including the passage of the sugar-sweetened beverage tax and statewide mobile home park regulations to protect mobile home residents. Both have long-term systems in place to protect and support community members, many of whom are among our most vulnerable.

Mr. Zayach said he appreciated the support he has received from Ms. Motika through the years. He said she delayed her retirement because of the many challenges the agency was experiencing. He said she helped to support and protect his own personal health during this past, very challenging year of COVID-19 response. Several staff members echoed Mr. Zayach's sentiments and noted what an outstanding supervisor and mentor Ms. Motika had been for them.

Ms. Motika thanked everyone for their kindness and said she looked forward to watching BCPH continue to flourish as a strong public health leader in Colorado.

ITEM 2. Schedule Executive Session for 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2021, Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(4)(f), for Purposes of Conducting the Public Health Director Recruitment Process.

Board Member Harrison made a motion, which was seconded by Morgan, to schedule an executive session for 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2021, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(4)(f), for purposes of conducting the public health director recruitment process. With all Board Members voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion carried.

ITEM 3. Adjournment into Executive Session, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(4)(f), for Purposes of Conducting the Public Health Director Recruitment Process.

Board Member McMillan then made a motion, which was seconded by Vice President DeSantiago, to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(4)(f), for purposes of conducting the public health director recruitment process. With all Board Members voting in favor of the motion, President Thomas declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12.55 p.m.



Gregg Thomas, President



Jeffrey J. Zayach, Public Health Director