Seneca County Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes

The Seneca County Board of Health met on Tuesday, June 3 2025, at the Seneca County General Health District 92 E. Perry St. Tiffin, OH 44883. With a quorum present, Board President Dr. Clay Wolph called the Board's special meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Dr. Clay Wolph started the meeting by reading the Mission Statement in the Seneca County Board of Health bylaws:

The Seneca County General Health District, in collaboration with its citizens, promotes wellness, prevents disease, protects the environment, and assures access to quality health care.

Board Members Roll Call:

Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes	Dwight Clary – Yes	Dr. Andrew Gase-Yes
Deborah Hay – Yes	Nathanael Heiser – Absent	Scott Lyons – Absent
Robert Podach – Absent	Dr. Clay Wolph – Yes	

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Present:

Julie Richards, MA, LSW, LPCC/S, Health Commissioner
Erika Handru, Communication Specialist

Executive Session

At 5:10 pm Dr. Gase made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending court action with legal counsel, according to Section 121.22 G3 of the Ohio Revised Code at 5:10 p.m. Dr. Beres seconded the motion. The motion passed upon roll call vote:

Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes	Dwight Clary – Yes	Dr. Andrew Gase-Yes
Deborah Hay – Yes	Dr. Clay Wolph – Yes	

The Board asked Julie Richards, Health Commissioner, Erika Handru, Communication Specialist and former Board member Dr. Zachary West to attend the executive session.

Dr. Wolph announced the return from the executive session at 5:36. Dr. Wolph stated no action was taken.

Dr. Gase made a motion to retain Benesch Law and VanKley Law to represent the Seneca County Board of Health, Seneca County General Health District, and all defendants in case 25CV01065 in U.S. District Court in an amount not to exceed $50,000. Mr. Clary seconded the motion.

Dr. Wolph said WIN Waste had filed another lawsuit against the Board and also named Board Members as individual defendants in this case. He said Benesch and VanKley would be the best in representing the Board, as they are already familiar with the other litigation. Julie Richards said

that in light of the fact that the Seneca County Prosecutor said he can't represent the Board, it's a huge part of the decision to retain outside counsel.

The motion passed by roll call vote:

Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes	Dwight Clary – Yes	Dr. Andrew Gase-Yes
Deborah Hay – Yes	Dr. Clay Wolph – Yes	

Mr. Heiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2025 at 5:00 pm. at the Fostoria Learning Center, 342 Perry St. Fostoria, Ohio 44830.

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Board of Health President Board of Health Secretary