# Seneca County Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes

The Seneca County Board of Health met on Tuesday September 8, 2026, at the Seneca County General Health District 92 E. Perry St. Tiffin, OH 44883. With a quorum present, Mr. Dwight Clary called the Board's special meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

**Board Members Roll Call:**

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| Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes | Mr. Dwight Clary – Yes | Dr. Andrew Gase -Absent |
| Mrs. Deborah Hay –Absent | Mr. Nathanael Heiser - Yes | Mr. Robert Podach - Absent |
| Dr. Heleana Theixos – Yes | Mr. Duane Vogel – Yes | Dr. Clay Wolph – Absent |

**Others Present:**
Julie Richards, MA, LSW, LPCC/S, Health Commissioner
Ajith Singh Bhagavath Singh, Landfill Oversight and Compliance Director
Erika Handru, Communication Specialist
Lisa England, Registrar
Jordan Pruitt, BS, Landfill Inspector

**Pledge of Allegiance**
The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Heiser made a motion to have Mr. Clary be the chair for this meeting. Dr. Theixos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clary 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.

**Court Case 3:24 CV 912 Discussion**
Health Commissioner Julie Richards reviewed court case 3:24 CV 912 involving WIN Waste Landfill Facility. She stated that following routine inspections conducted in 2024, the Board identified conditions it believed were violations of Ohio Solid Waste Rules. The Board exercised its authority by filing a lawsuit seeking injunctive relief against WIN Waste in federal court to address the identified violations.

Mrs. Richards reported that the filing of the lawsuit prompted WIN Waste to correct the identified issues. On August 12, 2026, Judge Zouhary of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio granted summary judgment in favor of WIN Waste on the narrow issue of whether there was any remaining relief the Court could order given that the violations had been corrected. The Court found that because the conditions we originally identified had been remediated, there was nothing left for an injunction to

accomplish. Ms. Richards noted that the ruling does not diminish the Board's authority or its commitment to protecting the residents of Seneca County.

Mr. Clary then stated that the Board needed to decide whether to appeal the decision. He expressed reasons for not appealing the ruling of Judge Zouhary. He stated that the primary objective of the Board's action was to compel WIN Waste to address the erosion and record-keeping issues identified by the Board, and that those issues had been resolved. He further noted the court did not find that the Board acted improperly or that the inspections were incorrect in what they had observed. Mr. Clary stated that pursuing an appeal would require significant time and public resources. He also noted that the Board retains the authority to initiate additional enforcement actions should future violations occur.

Mr. Heiser made a motion to instruct the Board's attorney not to appeal court case 3:24 CV 912. Mr. Vogel Seconded the motion.

Mr. Clary asked if there were any further comments. There was none.

The motion carried upon roll call vote:

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| Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes | Mr. Dwight Clary – Yes | Mr. Nathanael Heiser - Yes |
| Dr. Heleana Theixos – Yes | Mr. Duane Vogel – Yes | |

**Executive Session**

Mr. Heiser made a motion to enter into executive session at 12:35pm to consider appointment, employment , and compensation of public employee, according to ORC 121.22 G1 of the Ohio Revised Code. Dr. Theixos seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote:

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| Dr. Nathaniel Beres –Yes | Mr. Dwight Clary – Yes | Mr. Nathanael Heiser - Yes |
| Dr. Heleana Theixos – Yes | Mr. Duane Vogel – Yes | |

The Board requested that Health Commissioner Julie Richards and Communications Specialist Erika Handru attend the session.

Mr. Clary announced the return from the executive session at 12:53 pm. Mr. Clary stated no action. Mr. Heiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 p.m. Dr. Theixos seconded the motion.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm. at the Seneca County General Health District, Basement Conference Room A, 92 E Perry Street, Tiffin, Oh 44883.

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