



**Special Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026**

The special Board of Health meeting on June 4, 2026, was held in the large meeting room in the basement of the county office building at 639 South Dunbridge Road.

Purpose of the meeting:

- To discuss the search process for a health commissioner

Board Members Present: Rachel Bowlus, Kim Hertzfeld, DJ Mears, Bob Midden, Tom Milbrodt, Chris Sorensen, Richard Strow and Sue Yoder. **Staff and Guests:** Benjamin Robison, Rachel Aeschliman, Tina Cox, Lindsey Ruivivar, Dan Powell, Jan Larson McLaughlin – BG Independent News; Clint Corpe – The Morning Show; Marie Thomas-Baird – Sentinel Tribune; Paul Dobson – WC Prosecuting Attorney

Call the Meeting to Order

- I. Board President DJ Mears called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and Rachel Bowlus led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PER-01-06-2026SPM Motion to accept the resignation of Benjamin Robison, Health Commissioner

Bob Midden motioned to accept the resignation of Benjamin Robison, Health Commissioner, effective June 11th, 2026. Ben has been a valued member of the department since September 2020. Chris Sorensen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken.

Ayes – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstention – 0 *Motion passed*

DJ wished Ben the best in his next venture, thanking him for all he has done and during COVID.

- II. Search process for a health commissioner
 - a. Cancellation of the June 11th personnel and finance committee meetings
 - b. Board members discussed options for the search of a health commissioner and agreed to a national search and will work with Dan Powell, Personnel and Compliance Officer for a search engine.
 - i. Dan to also provide to the board the Health Commissioner job description for review and updates for the June 11th regular board meeting and to include Paul Dobson, Prosecuting Attorney for a legal review.
 - ii. Board President DJ Mears opened comment regarding discussion of an interim health commissioner

Executive Session:

At 6:45 PM, Bob Midden motioned that the Board go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Dan Powell and Paul Dobson were invited to the executive session. Chris Sorensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion passed

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At 7:56 PM, Sue Yoder motioned to return to open session, seconded by Kim Hertzfeld. A voice vote was taken with all in favor. *Motion passed*

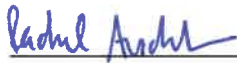
Board resumed open session at 7:57 PM with the following resolution:

PER-02-06-2026SPM Motion to appoint Rachel Aeschliman as Interim Health Commissioner effective June 11, 2026

Kim Hertzfeld motioned to appoint Rachel Aeschliman, Deputy Health Commissioner, as Interim Health Commissioner and to approve a temporary wage level (TWL), both of which will begin on June 11, 2026, and will continue until a new Health Commissioner begins their employment with the Health Department. Ms. Aeschliman will be paid the hourly rate of \$77.40 per hour while serving in the interim role. Richard Strow seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. *Motion passed*

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Being no further business of the board, Chris Sorensen motioned at 8:00 PM to adjourn, seconded by Sue Yoder. A voice vote was taken. All in favor. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.



Rachel Aeschliman, Interim Health Commissioner
Secretary to the Board of Health



Date