

MEETING MINUTES
Tulsa City-County Board of Health

November 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm

North Regional Health & Wellness Center
5635 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.,
Tulsa, OK 74126

Board Members Present:

Mousumi Som, D.O.
Aimee Boyer, J.D., CFP
Krystal Reyes, M.P.A.
Ann Paul, DrPH, M.P.H.
Mike Jones, D.V.M.

Staff Present:

Bruce Dart, Executive Director
Chanteau Orr, Associate Executive Director
Sara Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Marcus Anderson, Assoc. Director of the Office of Maternal & Child Health
Leslie Carroll, Assoc. Director of the Office of Community Health & Quality Improvement
Julia Profit-Williams, Assoc. Director of the Office of Preventive Health Services
Adam Austin, Assoc. Director, Office of Environmental Health Services
Kelly VanBuskirk, Assoc. Director of the Office of Prevention, Preparedness, and Response
Joann Conley, Executive Assistant
Leanne Stephens, Senior Director Marketing & Creative Services
Todd Maxwell, Associate Attorney
Kendra Wise, Environmental Health Services Manager
Carla Nutter, Print Production Coordinator
Colleen Giesbrecht
Alexandra Adkins
Scott Adkins

1) Call to Order & Roll Call - Dr. Mo Som

Dr. Som called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

The meeting notice and agenda were posted at the James Goodwin Health Center, the North Regional Health and Wellness Center, and the Tulsa City-County Health Department (THD) website and emailed to the Tulsa County Clerk, the Tulsa City Clerk, and the Tulsa City-County Library on November 14, 2025.

2) Approval of Minutes - Dr. Mo Som

Dr. Som entertained a motion to approve the September 17, 2025, minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Mike Jones and seconded by Dr. Aimee Boyer. **September 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved:**

Dr. Stout	not present
Dr. Lewis	not present
Dr. Paul	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Bingman	not present
Ms. Reyes	abstain
Dr. Galles	not present

3) Chair's Report - Dr. Mo Som

Dr. Regina Lewis could not attend the meeting, so the chair report was not presented. Dr. Mo Som, the Vice Chair, filled in.

4) Director's Report - Dr. Bruce Dart

Dr. Dart asked the Board if they had any questions about his report and shared the ongoing internal review of the agency, focusing on financial decisions and funding impacts. In the process of evaluating what is working well and what needs improvement.

5) THD Mission Moments - Office of Environmental Health Services - Kendra Wise

Kendra Wise, Manager of EHS updated the Board on the positive outcomes of the lead hazard abatement program. The renewal for the lead hazard grant is scheduled for March 2026. So far, five homes have completed the lead abatement process and passed the final clearance tests, with two additional homes expected to close soon. The team has been participating in community events to promote both the lead program and other Health Department services, emphasizing environmental health and outreach to low-income families.

One specific case was highlighted where Mandy Dixon, Lead Hazard Control Coordinator identified a home with sealed windows and lead hazards. As a result, energy-efficient windows were installed, which improved both safety and health for the family across generations. The program focuses on helping low-income families by addressing safety concerns such as sealed windows that pose fire risks, while also enhancing home value and energy efficiency. A video testimonial from a client who benefited from the lead hazard team

was shared with the Board.

6) Current Business | Information Items & THD Reports

A. Community Health Program Updates – Dr. Leslie Carroll & Colleen Giesbrecht

Dr. Leslie Carroll introduced Colleen Giesbrecht, the Community Health Program Manager. The Community Health Program is funded primarily through local competitive grants, specifically from the Ascension St. John Health Equity initiative, which has recently secured over \$186,000 in funding for 2026.

This program employs community health workers who support patients after they are discharged from the hospital through 60-day interventions. These interventions include home visits, helping patients keep appointments, and providing assistance with food and transportation. Referrals to the program come from case managers at Ascension St. John via Enzo Care, and client eligibility is determined using a social determinant of health screening tool.

To address significant barriers to healthcare access, the program contracts with Send a Ride to offer free door-to-door transportation for clients to their medical appointments. The program monitors patient contacts, referrals, and outcomes, and has recently reached full capacity, serving 30 clients per month. There are plans to expand the program by hiring more community health workers, including a bilingual position.

B. Upcoming Legislative Agenda & Interim Studies – Scott Adkins & Alex Adkins

Scott and Alexandra Adkins provided an overview of the current legislative and policy environment in Oklahoma. They detailed the structure of the Oklahoma Legislature, upcoming elections, major policies, issues, and recent legislation. The Oklahoma House has 101 members, while the Senate has 48, with a super majority of Republicans. All House seats and half of the Senate is up for election, along with all statewide offices, which will create a dynamic legislative session.

Major topics for the upcoming session include mental health, homelessness, housing, child welfare, food insecurity, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), rural healthcare access, and parental support. Various interim studies suggest these areas will be the focus of future legislation. Recent bills passed include a ban on corporal punishment for students with disabilities, an extension of sick leave for teachers, guidance on using epinephrine, food-as-medicine initiatives, and support for community health workers.

The session is expected to be contentious due to factionalism within the legislature, with both positive and negative bills anticipated. The team is prepared to monitor and support relevant health initiatives. There is considerable concern about potential reductions or losses of federal enhancements to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which could impact uninsured populations and overall healthcare funding in Oklahoma. While Oklahoma has expanded Medicaid, providing some buffer, challenges persist with funding caps and the need for additional resources, particularly for mental health services.

The state anticipates a return to difficult budget years, marked by the loss of COVID related funding and an increasing reliance on federal dollars, necessitating proactive financial planning.

7) Current Business | Action Items

A. 2026 Tulsa Board of Health Meeting Schedule – Dr. Mo Som

Dr. Mo Som entertained a motion to approve the 2026 Tulsa Board of Health Meeting Schedule. A motion was made by Dr. Boyer and seconded by Dr. Paul. ***The 2026 Tulsa Board of Health Meeting Schedule was***

approved:

Dr. Stout	not present
Dr. Lewis	not present
Dr. Paul	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Bingman	not present
Ms. Reyes	aye
Dr. Galles	not present

B. Vote for the Board of Health Officers for 2026 – Dr. Mo Som

Ballots were distributed and collected for the positions of Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer, with Dr. Jones, Dr. Jana Bingman, and Aimee Boyer elected, respectively. Dr. Mo Som asked if anyone would like to entertain a motion regarding identifying the nominating. The motion was approved.

Dr. Stout	not present
Dr. Lewis	not present
Dr. Paul	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Bingman	not present
Ms. Reyes	aye
Dr. Galles	not present

8) Old Business – Dr. Mo Som

None

9) Future Business – Dr. Mo Som

None

10) Announcements – Dr. Mo Som

The Next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the James O. Goodwin Health Center – Room 200.

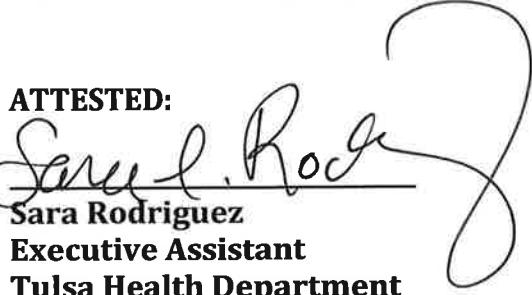
11) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

APPROVED:


Dr. Mike Jones, D.V.M.
Board of Health Vice Chair

ATTESTED:


Sara Rodriguez
Executive Assistant
Tulsa Health Department