



# Broomfield County Board of Health

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: George Di Ciero City and County Building Council Conference Room  
One DesCombes Drive Broomfield, CO 80020

### Board Members:

- Savita Ginde, Vice Chair
- Zachary Lustgarten
- Elizabeth McCutcheon
- Erin Seedorf
- Eugenia Valdez, Chair

### BPHE Staff:

- Jason Vahling, Public Health Director
- Deb Federspiel, Deputy Director of Public Health
- Laura Shek, Board of Health Administrator
- Robert Belknap, Medical Officer
- Sarah Mauch, Public Health Planning & Systems Manager
- Alison Long, Public Health Promotion Manager
- Mike Solter, Public Health Protection Manager
- Helene Lanzer, Public Health Nursing & Epidemiology Manager
- Zoe Lemieux, Senior Public Health Communications Manager

### City and County of Broomfield Staff:

- Pat Gilbert, Deputy City & County Attorney

### Other Guest Presenters:

N/A

### ITEM 1. Meeting called to Order. Role Call. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Chair Valdez called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. and asked all members to identify themselves for the record (see above). They declared that a quorum was present and that notice of this meeting was posted on the Broomfield Board of Health website.

Chair Valdez advised that each member of the Board has a copy of the Minutes of the 11.6.25, Board of Health meeting. Chair Valdez advised that the minutes of the meeting of the board of health of 11.6.25, stand approved as submitted by the Public Health Director.

### ITEM 2. Immunization and Autism Discussion with Dr. Belknap.

#### Presentation by Dr. Belknap.

#### Questions:

Chair Valdez asked why the CDC changed the recommendations for the TDap vaccine. Dr. Belknap shared that there wasn't new evidence shared or a new rationale just that the CDC pointed to other countries recommending less vaccines. The comparison to other countries is

not an effective rationale because the healthcare landscape and other factors are not the same as the US so they can't be compared. The CDC also recommended only 1 dose for the HPV vaccine for teens which again was not based on new evidence. The CDC did say that the recommendations will not affect access or insurance coverage. CO will use the AAP recommendations which remain unchanged. The issue is the misinformation around vaccines will impact vaccination rates.

Member Lustgarten asked if Broomfield has put out a release to contradict the CDC recommendations. Director Vahling said that public health is working on a communications plan to release a statement that Broomfield PH does not agree with the CDC recommendations and will continue to support the previous vaccine schedule. These communications will go out through the usual communications channels as well as targeted messaging to healthcare partners. Director Vahling asked the board for their support of releasing a statement in support of vaccinations and the board members agreed to support it.

Member Seedorf brought up that the press was reaching out to Universities about releasing statements and the Universities are pushing them back to health departments and hospitals but wondering if there are nontraditional partners that should be part of the messaging to help combat the misinformation. Director Vahling said that the Health Ambassadors will be key to getting messaging out to communities from a trusted source.

### **ITEM 3. Environmental Health Fees Study Session.**

#### **Presentation by Mike Solter**

##### **Questions:**

Member Lustgarten asked why there isn't a review fee for the temporary event fee and if it has been considered to combine farmer's market and temporary event permits. Mike Solter said no there is not a review fee but that average cost for staff review was incorporated into the full permit fee. BPHE decided not to combine them because the length of time for farmers markets is so limited and there is only 1 farmer market in Broomfield and a very limited number of vendors so it doesn't make sense to extend the farmers market permit to the temporary fee. Member Lustgarten also asked if there is a plan for fees related to the cottage food bill that is coming. Mike Solter said that BPHE is following the bill to see what the final version of the bill will be to determine what is necessary from a fee and implementation standpoint.

### **ITEM 4. CCOB Comprehensive Plan Community Advisory Committee (CPCAC) Member Nomination.**

#### **Presentation by Jason Vahling.**

Questions: No questions were asked.

**Motion:** Board Member Valdez motioned to nominate Erin Seedorf to the CCOB Comprehensive Plan Community Advisory Committee.

**Second:** Lustgarten

**Approve:** Valdez, Lustgarten, McCutchon, Seedorf

**Dissent:** N/A

Chair Valdez declared the motion approved.

### **ITEM 5. Chronic Disease Grant Presentation.**

#### **Presentation by Deb Federspiel and Sarah Mauch.**



Questions:

Member McCutcheon asked if there is a possibility of focusing on the upstream work to prevent chronic disease. Sarah Mauch described that the state plan includes a preventive approach, for example, examining the built environment and disease management supports in the community. Loneliness as a contributing factor to chronic disease is also an area for exploration. Director Vahling described that this assessment will drive the priorities including a focus on prevention, linkage to care, screening, and management of disease. BPHE is committed to looking at the upstream prevention opportunities as well as aligning with the CHIP goals around access to care. The assessment will show the landscape of Broomfield in chronic disease prevention and management, and the board, along with other community members, will have a role in prioritizing what BPHE will focus on. Deb Federspiel discussed that we have had funding cuts to local planning and support public health funding streams, and this is a great opportunity to receive new funding for this work to look at chronic disease more comprehensively.

**ITEM 6. Director's Report.**

**Presentation by Jason Vahling**

Questions: No questions were asked.

**ITEM 7. Agenda Setting and Board Member Comments and Updates.**

Questions: No questions were asked. The Board approved the BPHE proposed agenda for the March meeting.

**ITEM 8. Adjournment.**

There being nothing further to discuss, Chair Valdez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

  
Eugenia Valdez (Mar 5, 2026 20:21:21 MST)

Eugenia Valdez, Chair

Date: 05/03/2026



Laura Shek, Board of Health Administrator

Date: 3/5/2026

