

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
May 8, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Chair  
James Curran, MD, Vice Chair  
Robert S. Harshman, MD, Secretary  
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS  
Phillip L. Williams, PhD

**Members Absent:**

Major General Joe Jarrard  
John Hauptert  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on May 8, 2018, at 2 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the Georgia Department of Public Health. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Dr. Harshman called roll. All members are present except Mr. Hauptert, Major General Jarrard, and Drs. Cheek, and Rodriguez.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Harshman presented the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Harshman motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner's Update**

Commissioner O'Neal gave the board an update on activities within the Department of Public Health.

**Action Items**

Ms. Dionne Denson, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented a bond resolution to the board for adoption. Dr. Mercer motioned for approval of the resolution; Dr. Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Presentations**

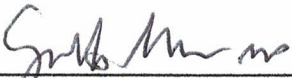
- Ms. Julianna McConnell, Vice Chair of the Georgia Commission on Women presented on the Georgia Commission on Women.
- Ms. Michelle Allen, Infectious Disease Director for the Georgia Department of Public, and Ms. Latasha Terry, STD Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on Expedited Partner Therapy.

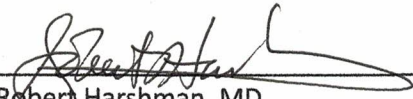
- Ms. Emily Paynter, Newborn Screening Team Lead for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on Newborn Screening.
- Dr. Cherie Drenzek, Deputy Commissioner and State Epidemiologist for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave an update on Influenza.
- Dr. Cherie Drenzek, Deputy Commissioner and State Epidemiologist for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Multi-State Outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 Infections.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Harshman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Dr. Mercer adjourned the meeting at 2:35PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

  
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Cynthia Mercer, MD  
Chair

  
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Robert Harshman, MD  
Secretary

### Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda

**May 08, 2018**

**Board Meeting Attendees**

**Board Members**

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**Guest Attendees**

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Barb Touchette, GSU student  
Bella Halleron, GHA  
Betsy Bates, Bates Assoc.  
Cathalene Teaha, GAC  
Fozia Khan Eskew, GAAAP  
Hillary Thrower, Emory  
Jan Carter, GPC  
Jeannine Galloway

Julianna McConnell, GCW  
Karla Jacobs, GA Commission on Women  
Karla Kiriako, Sanofi US  
Noreen Dahill, GAAAP  
Rhett Partin, GA Hospital Assoc.  
Scott Maxwell, M&M, Inc.  
Shawn Smith, Sanofi Pasteur  
Shelena A. King

**Georgia Department of Public Health Attendees**

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Cliff Chandler  
Connie Smith Lindsey  
Dionne Denson  
Huriyyah Lewis  
Kisha Wesley  
LaToya Osmani  
Meshell McCloud

LaTasha Terry  
Rick Keheley  
Ruben Brambila  
Stewart Weaver  
Valeria Newton-Lamb  
Yvette Daniels  
Judith Kerr

Emily Paynter  
Patrick O'Neal  
Paige Mitchell  
Sheila Pierce  
Michelle Allen

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Board of Public Health Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2 Peachtree St NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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### A G E N D A

- A. Call to Order ..... Cindy Mercer, MD
- B. Roll Call ..... Robert Harshman, MD
- C. Approval/Adoption of Minutes..... Robert Harshman, MD
- D. Commissioner’s Report ..... J. Patrick O’Neal, MD
- E. Action Items
  - Bond Resolution ..... Dionne Denson, MSA
- F. Other Items
  - Georgia Commission on Women.....Julianna McConnell
  - Expedited Partner Therapy..... Michelle L. Allen  
Latasha Terry, MPA
  - Newborn Screening..... Emily Paynter, MPH
  - Multi-state Outbreak of E. coli O157..... Cherie L. Drenzek, DVM, MS
  - Flu Summary ..... Cherie L. Drenzek, DVM, MS
- G. Closing Comments .....Cindy Mercer, MD
- H. Adjourn